

CHAPTER 12C

MODE OF ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS

Application

12C.1. This Chapter is without prejudice to any enactment under which provision has been made regarding the mode of attendance of persons at hearings.

Mode of attendance at hearings – procedural business

12C.2.—(1) Hearings at which only procedural business is to be considered are to be attended by electronic means.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to hearings at which a party is unrepresented or utilising an interpreter.

Alternative mode of attendance at hearings

12C.3.—(1) The court may, at its own instance or on the motion of a party on cause shown—

- (a) in relation to hearings to which rule 12C.2(1) applies, order physical attendance at a hearing;
- (b) in relation to any other hearings, order attendance at a hearing by electronic means.

(2) The court may revoke an order granted under paragraph (1) or this paragraph and, where it does so, it may make such further order as it thinks fit.

(3) Before the court makes an order under paragraph (1) or (2), it is to give parties the opportunity to make representations about the mode of attendance.

Hybrid hearings

12C.4. An order under rule 12C.3(1) or (2) may include provision for a person to attend a hearing—

- (a) both physically and by electronic means;
- (b) by one mode and another person to attend by the other mode,

and at different times or dates.