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1 Short title

This rule may be cited as the *Uniform Civil Procedure Amendment Rule 2026*.

2 Commencement

This rule commences on 30 November 2026.

3 Rules amended

This rule amends the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999*.

4 Amendment of r 661 (Filing an order)

(1) Rule 661(1), 'writes'—

omit, insert—

records

(2) Rule 661(1), 'writing'—

omit, insert—

recording

5 Amendment of r 662 (Certified duplicate of filed order)

(1) Rule 662, heading, 'Certified duplicate'—

omit, insert—

Sealed copy

(2) Rule 662(1) and (2), 'certified duplicate'—

omit, insert—

sealed copy

6 Amendment of r 959A (Definitions for part)

Rule 959A—

insert—

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approved filing system see rule 959C(b).

7 Insertion of new ch 22, pt 1, div 1AB, hdg

Before rule 959B—

insert—

Division 1AB Approval of particular matters by principal registrar

8 Amendment of r 959B (Service providers)

Rule 959B, heading—

omit, insert—

959B Approval of service providers

9 Insertion of new r 959C

After rule 959B—

insert—

959C Approval of filing systems and processes for electronic filing

The principal registrar of a court may approve the following matters in relation to the filing of documents in the court—

(a) the electronic filing of documents or documents of a stated class;

(b) an electronic filing system or process (an ***approved filing system***) by which documents, or documents of a stated class, may be electronically filed;

(c) the electronic file formats for documents that may be electronically filed using an approved filing system.

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Examples of an electronic file format—

pdf, jpg, html

10 Amendment of r 967 (How documents may be filed)

Rule 967(3)—

omit, insert—

(3) A document may be electronically filed if—

(a) the electronic filing of the document, or documents of that class, is approved by the principal registrar under rule 959C(a); and

(b) the document is filed using an approved filing system for the document, or documents of that class; and

(c) the document is in an electronic file format approved by the principal registrar under rule 959C(c) for the document, or documents of that class.

Note—

For additional requirements for electronically filing a document that is sworn or affirmed, see rule 975C.

(4) The court or the principal registrar may waive the requirement mentioned in subrule (3)(b) to the extent and on the conditions the court or the principal registrar considers appropriate.

(5) A reference in subrule (3) or (4) to the principal registrar is a reference to the principal registrar of the court in which the document is to be filed.

11 Amendment, relocation and renumbering of r 975E (Approvals of principal registrar)

(1) Rule 975E(1), from ‘an approval’—

omit, insert—

an approval—

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(a) given under rule 959B or 959C; or

(b) mentioned in rule 975C(1) or (2)(b) or 975D(3) or (4).

(2) Rule 975E, as amended by this section—

relocate to chapter 22, part 1, division 1AB, as inserted by this rule, and *renumber* as rule 959D.

12 Amendment of sch 3 (Dictionary)

Schedule 3—

insert—

approved filing system, for chapter 22, part 1, see rule 959C(b).

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ENDNOTES

1 Made by the Governor in Council on 26 November 2026.

2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 27 November 2026.

3 The administering agency is the Department of Justice.

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