

PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 5 OF 2022
FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND AND
THE DISTRICT COURT OF QUEENSLAND

ADDITIONAL CRITERION FOR EXCUSAL FROM JURY SERVICE OR
DISCHARGE FROM JURY

1. This Practice Direction is issued under s 51 of the *Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991* (Qld) and s 13 of the *Jury Act 1995* (Qld), after consulting with the Chief Judge of the District Court and the President of the Childrens Court.
2. For the purposes of s 21(1)(f) of the *Jury Act 1995* (Qld), in deciding whether to excuse a person from jury service, the Sheriff (under s 19 of the *Jury Act*) or a Judge (under s 20 of the *Jury Act*) will have regard to the person's COVID-19 vaccination status and its possible implications for jury safety and confidence, and the orderly and expeditious conduct of criminal trials.



Justice Helen Bowskill
Senior Judge Administrator
11 February 2022