



NOTICE TO PUBLIC REGARDING *PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT* MATTERS

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All in-person *Provincial Offences Act* matters (e.g., traffic tickets and offences under provincial legislation) scheduled until October 16, 2020 will be rescheduled. Do not attend court.

All in-person *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) matters scheduled from Monday, March 16, 2020 through to and including Friday, October 16, 2020 will be adjourned and rescheduled to a later date. If you have a matter scheduled during this time, **do not attend court**. This applies to all POA courts in Ontario.

A notice of your new court date will be sent to you by mail to the address on file with the court. For more information, please contact your local *Provincial Offences* court.

Contact information for all municipal courts is available here:

https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/Court_Addresses/poa/

Updated information about court proceedings at the Ontario Court of Justice can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/>.

Please be advised that the Chief Justice has made an order pursuant to s. 85 extending certain timelines for the Ontario Court of Justice under the *Provincial Offences Act* until April 23, 2020.

The following timelines have been extended:

Sections 5(6), 5.1(2)(b), 5.1(12), 9(1)(a), 11(1), 11(4), 17.1(6.1), 18(1), 18.1(5), 18.2(1), 18.3(1), 19, 66(1), 69(1), 116(2)(a), 116(3) and 135(2) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Rules of the Ontario Court (General Division) and the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Appeals Under Section 116 of the Provincial Offences Act*, O. Reg. 723/94.

A copy of the order is available on the Ontario Court of Justice website.

Please also be advised that the Government of Ontario made an order pursuant to s. 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA), suspending any limitation periods in statutes and regulations for the duration of the State of Emergency. This will impact timelines under the *Provincial Offences Act* and related proceedings. A copy of the order is available online at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200073>.