


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 48

, Approved and Ordered

February 23, 2026



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective May 1, 2026, the Provincial Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 120/2020, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Attorney General and Deputy Premier



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Court Rules Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 80, s. 1*

Other: *OIC 287/2020*

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SCHEDULE

- 1 Rule 2 (1) of the Provincial Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 120/2020, is amended**
- (a) by repealing the definition of “family justice registry”, and**
- (b) in the definition of “needs assessor” by striking out “or 93 [participating in needs assessment in family justice registries]”.**

- 2 Rule 6 is amended**

(a) by repealing paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

(a) a registry listed in Appendix 1 is an early resolution registry for the purposes of Part 2 [Early Resolution Registries], ,

(b) by repealing paragraph (b), and

(c) in paragraph (c) by striking out “and family justice registries”.

- 3 Rule 9 is repealed and the following substituted:**

Early resolution registry

9 The rules set out in this Part apply in early resolution registries.

- 4 Rule 37 is amended by striking out “Subject to rules 39 [requirements to be met before scheduling family management conference in family justice registry] and 40” and substituting “Subject to rule 40”.**

- 5 Rule 38 is amended by striking out “Subject to rules 39 [requirements to be met before scheduling family management conference in family justice registry] and 40” and substituting “Subject to rule 40”.**

- 6 Rules 39, 49 (b), 66 (b) and 75 (b) are repealed.**

- 7 Part 6 is repealed.**

- 8 Rule 97 is repealed and the following substituted:**

Application of Part

97 The rules set out in this Part apply to all registries other than early resolution registries.

- 9 The following heading is added to Part 13 before rule 195:**

Division 1 – Former Rules .

- 10 Rule 195 is amended by striking out “In this Part” and substituting “In this Division”.**

- 11 The following Division is added to Part 13:**

Division 2 – Former Family Justice Registries

Definitions

199 In this Division:

“**effective date of this Division**” means May 1, 2026;

“**family justice rules**” means rule 39 and every rule in Part 6, as those rules read immediately before the effective date of this Division;

“**former family justice registry**” means

- (a) effective November 1, 2025, the Vancouver (Robson Square) registry,
- (b) effective May 1, 2026, the Kelowna registry, and
- (c) effective May 1, 2026, the Nanaimo registry.

Continued application of rules respecting family justice registries

- 200** (1) The family justice rules continue to apply in relation to a family law matter started in a former family justice registry.
- (2) Form 21, as it read immediately before the effective date of this Division, may continue to be used in relation to a family management conference for a case in a former family justice registry on the effective date of this Division.

12 *The Appendix is renumbered as Appendix 2.*

13 *The following Appendix is added:*

APPENDIX 1 Early Resolution Registries

Item	Early Resolution Registry
1	Abbotsford
2	Ahousaht
3	Bella Bella
4	Bella Coola
5	Campbell River
6	Castlegar
7	Chilliwack
8	Clearwater
9	Courtenay
10	Cranbrook
11	Creston
12	Duncan

Item	Early Resolution Registry
13	Ferne
14	Golden
15	Gold River
16	Grand Forks
17	Invermere
18	Kamloops
19	Kelowna
20	Klemtu
21	Lillooet
22	Merritt
23	Nakusp
24	Nanaimo
25	Nelson
26	New Westminster
27	North Vancouver
28	Pemberton
29	Penticton
30	Port Alberni
31	Port Coquitlam
32	Port Hardy
33	Powell River
34	Princeton
35	Revelstoke
36	Richmond
37	Rossland
38	Salmon Arm
39	Sechelt
40	Surrey
41	Tofino
42	Ucluelet

Item	Early Resolution Registry
43	Vancouver (Robson Square)
44	Vernon
45	Victoria
46	Western Communities

14 Appendix 2 is amended by repealing Form 21.