

Jury Service in the Isle of Man

Information to persons summoned to appear for jury service

Attendance at Court

You have been chosen from a list held by the Coroner of your Sheading to attend court for possible jury service. It is an offence under the Jury Act 1980 not to attend for jury service once summonsed, unless you have been formally excused by the Chief Registrar, prior to the trial date.

If you think you have a compelling reason why you cannot attend for jury service, please make a written request for excusal to the **Chief Registrar** at the address below, allowing adequate time for you to be notified of the Chief Registrar's decision before the trial date.

Please note that the Court does not cover child care costs but if you are the primary carer for a child under the age of sixteen years (not a person who looks after a child in the absence of the primary carer), then you can be excused from jury service on this occasion if you apply to the Court in writing.

On the date of the summons you should attend at the Isle of Man Courts of Justice, unless excused. You should report to the Wedding Room at the Civil Registry on Deemsters Walk, which is indicated on the map enclosed, where you will be met by the duty Coroner or the Court Usher. You should attend no later than **9.30am. DO NOT BE LATE.** Please bring the Coroner's summons and other means of identification with you.

The number of people summonsed to attend will exceed the number needed for the jury. This is to accommodate challenges to a person appearing on the jury by Counsel for either Prosecution or Defence.

If you travel to court in your own vehicle, park it where it can remain all day because if you are chosen as a juror you may not be able to leave the court until the end of the day. There is no on-site parking for summonsed jurors. Do not have any other commitments for the day of the summons.

Final selection of jury

Not all those summonsed will be needed for the trial. Seven jurors are required for most criminal trials although twelve are required in certain circumstances. A ballot is conducted to choose the jury.

If you are chosen you will have the opportunity to state in writing if there is any reason why you cannot act impartially. Unless excused at that stage, you will be sworn-in as a juror by the Deemster. The Deemster will explain the nature of a juror's duties and the trial will commence.

If you are not chosen as a juror you must **NOT** leave the building until dismissed by a court official.

You will be entitled to payment for attending court in response to the summons, whether or not you are chosen as a juror. You will also be entitled to limited travelling expenses, if you incur any. As a juror, the payment you receive will depend on the length of the trial. A court official will explain these details to you, on request.

You will also receive a daily subsistence allowance for days on which you need to attend. Unless you are considering your verdict at the end of the trial you will need to leave the courthouse at lunchtime as lunch will not be provided.

If you have any problems over the jury summons served on you, raise them with the Coroner who served the summons, or phone the Isle of Man Courts of Justice (685242) and seek advice. Further advice can also be found on the Courts of Justice website at www.courts.im

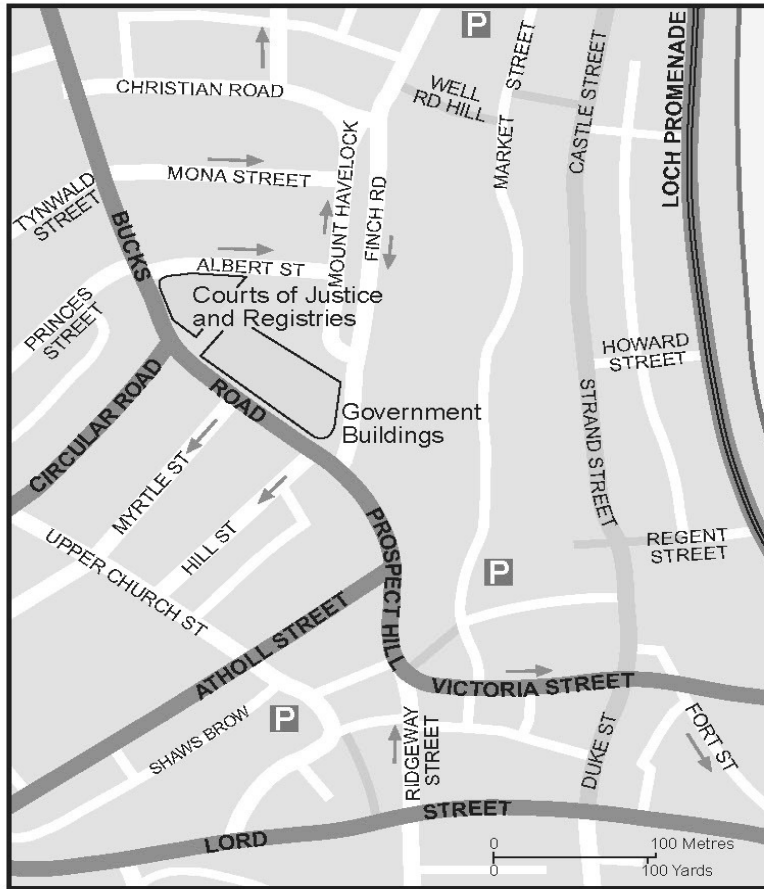
Chief Registrar

Isle of Man Courts of Justice, Deemsters Walk, Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3AR.

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Location of
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