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Media statement

Updated protocols for remote participation and remote viewing of hearings in the senior courts.

The protocols for remote participation and remote viewing of hearings in the senior courts have been updated and published on the Courts of New Zealand website today 31 August 2021.

The protocols have been revised to include provision for using Microsoft Teams remote technology.

1. The Protocol for Participation in Remote Hearings replaces the Senior Courts Protocol for Participation in Virtual Hearings. It sets out the rules for counsel and self-represented parties participating remotely using Virtual Meeting Room (VMR) or Microsoft Teams remote technology.
2. The Protocol for Remote Viewing of Hearings applies where the Court has made a direction allowing remote viewing of a hearing.

Both protocols apply to the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court. They can be found on the Courts of New Zealand website –

[Protocol for Participation in Remote Hearings](#)

[Protocol for Remote Viewing](#)

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