



Robing Policy

Queensland Courts & Tribunals

In this Policy, “robes” has the following meaning:

- A barrister’s robes consist of a black stuff gown, a junior’s bar jacket, a white jabot or wing collar with bands, and a short wig.
- A KC’s or SC’s robes consist of a black silk gown, a silk’s bar jacket, a white jabot or wing collar with bands, and a short wig.
- Despite the policy, if the judge does not wear a wig, counsel need not wear a wig.
- The policy is subject to the preferred practice of individual judicial officers. If in doubt, contact the judge’s associate or magistrate’s clerk.
- The clothing worn by barristers in court should be unobtrusive and consistent with the wearing of robes.

Supreme Court of Queensland

	Robes	Wigs
Ceremonial Occasions	Yes	Yes KCs and SCs may wear full-bottomed wigs
Court of Appeal	Yes	No
Crime		
Trial	Yes	Yes
Sentence proceedings	Yes	Yes
Pre-trial applications	Yes	Yes
Delivery of reserved judgment	Yes ¹	Yes
Civil		
Any matter listed under “Civil Jurisdiction Trials and Hearings” in the Law List	Yes	Yes

Delivery of reserved judgment	Yes ¹	Yes
Applications	No	No
Reviews (in any List)	No	No

1. Most judges do not robe for short matters before 10am. If uncertain, contact the judge's associate.

Mental Health Court

Robes are not worn for any hearings in the Mental Health Court.

Industrial Court of Queensland²

	Robes	Wigs
Trials	Yes	No
Appeals	Yes	No
All other final hearings	Yes	No
Reviews and mentions	No	No

2. See Industrial Court of Queensland Practice Direction No. 7 of 2021

Queensland Industrial Relations Commission

Robes are not worn for any hearings in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

Land Appeal Court

Land Court of Queensland

Robes are not worn for any hearings in the Land Court of Queensland or the Land Appeal Court.

District Court of Queensland

	Robes	Wigs
Ceremonial Occasions	Yes	Yes KCs and SCs may wear full-bottomed wigs
Crime		
Trial	Yes	Yes
Sentence proceedings	Yes	Yes
Pre-trial applications	Yes	Yes
Delivery of reserved judgment	Yes ¹	Yes
Criminal List Reviews	No	No
Civil		
Any matter listed under “Civil Jurisdiction Trials and Hearings” in the Law List	Yes	Yes
Appeals	Yes	Yes
Applications	No	No
Delivery of reserved judgment (civil, appeals, applications)	Yes ¹	Yes

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Planning and Environment Court

	Robes	Wigs
Hearings	Yes	No
All other proceedings (reviews, mentions, applications in a proceeding or delivery of judgment in applications)	No	No

Childrens Court of Queensland (constituted by Judge)

	Robes	Wigs
All hearings	Yes	No

Magistrates Courts of Queensland

	Robes	Wigs
Ceremonial Occasions	Yes	No
Civil trials	Yes	No
Committal hearings (including applications to cross-examine)	Yes	No
Criminal trials (including pre-trial applications)	Yes	No
Murri Court	No	No
Court Link and QDAC Callovers and Reviews	No	No
Court Link Long Pleas	Yes	No
Sentence Hearings (Long Pleas)	Yes	No
Mentions, reviews and callovers	No	No
Arrest Court	No	No
Civil applications	No	No
Coroners Court	No	No
Childrens Court	No	No

Note: Civil includes Domestic and Family Violence matters.

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Robes are not worn for any hearings in QCAT.