

FIJI ISLANDS

**HIGH COURT ACT
(CHAPTER 13)**

HIGH COURT (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2005

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 25 of the High Court Act, I hereby make the Following Rules:

Citation

1.-(1) These Rules may be cited as the High Court (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into force on 19th day of September 2005.

(2) In these Rules "the principal Rules" means the High Court Rules 1988.

Amendment of Order 3 r.5

2. Order 3, of the principal Rules is amended in rule 5 by deleting the words "a year" and substituting the words "six months".

Amendment of Order 25

3. Order 25 of the principal Rules is amended by adding the following Rule 9:

"Strike out for want of prosecution (O.25. r.9)

9-(1) If no step has been taken in any cause or matter for six months then any party on application or the Court of its own motion may list the cause or matter for the parties to show cause why it should not be struck out for want of prosecution or as an abuse of the process of the Court.

(2) Upon hearing the application the Court may either dismiss the cause of matter on such terms it may be just or deal with the application as if it were a summons for directions."

Amendment of Order 32

4. Order 32 of the principal Rules is amended by adding the following Rule 19:

"Jurisdiction of the Master (O.32. r.19)

19. A Master of the High Court shall, subject to the directions of the Chief Justice given generally or in respect of any particular case have the powers, authority and jurisdiction conferred on the Registrar by these Rules."

Amendment of order 42

5. Order 42 of the principal Rules is amended by adding the following Rule 8:

“Service of Judgments (O.42. r.8)

8. The party entering judgment must serve a copy of the sealed judgement on every other party not later than 14 days after entry of the judgement.”

Made a Suva this 13th day of September 2005.

D.V. FATIAKI
Chief Justice
