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New JP Fact Sheets

The Department is continuing to develop new resources for JPs and has recently developed a number of draft fact sheets.

Initially we are focusing on frequently required duties or duties where JPs may need some additional advice.

We will finalise these fact sheets in the near future in consultation with the Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace and the Honorary Justices' Association of Tasmania prior to publication on the Department's website.

Our list of draft fact sheets being developed includes -

- **Conflicts of Interest** providing information for JPs to assist in identifying and managing conflicts of interest when providing services.
- **Statutory Declarations** providing information for JPs and Commissioners for Declarations on administering statutory declarations.
- **Different Signing Requirements** providing information for JPs on the different signing requirements for some organisations or businesses, e.g. the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Authority and Teachers Registration Board.
- Certifying Copies of Documents providing information for JPs certifying copies of documents.
- **Certifying Electronic Copies of Documents** providing information for JPs certifying electronic copies of documents.

The Department has already published a fact sheet in relation to Witnessing Documents over Audio-Visual Link – providing information on measures that allow for certain documents to be witnessed using an audio-visual link in recognition of the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic presents.

While the Department does not wish to reproduce fact sheets on all issue covered in the <u>Handbook for Justices of the Peace</u>, it invites JPs to put forward issues they would like to see covered in either new fact sheets or frequently asked questions.

Please email your suggestions to Pojustice.tas.gov.au.