

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE
(CHAPTER 7)
MAGISTRATES' COURTS (PLEADING GUILTY BY
LETTER) RULES

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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ARRANGEMENT OF RULES

Rule

1. Citation.
2. Endorsement or accompanying instrument with summons.

SCHEDULE

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Rules under section 400 framing forms for particular proceedings

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Citation.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Pleading Guilty by Letter) Rules.

Endorsement or accompanying instrument with summons.

2. Every summons issued by a Court of a Magistrate in respect of any of the offences to which subsection (2) of section 183 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 7) applies, shall contain an endorsement or accompanying instrument, under the hand of such Magistrate, in the terms of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

(rule 2)

If, in accordance with section 183(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 7), you wish to plead guilty to the charge(s) set out in the accompanying summons you may do so by signing your name, or affixing your thumb print, in the space provided for the purpose.

If you plead guilty in writing, you need not attend Court and the case maybe disposed of in your absence, subject, however, to the powers of the Court to summon you to attend Court if it thinks fit.

If you plead guilty in writing, you may return this completed form to the person who served the summons or you may send it addressed to the Court in time for the hearing or you may otherwise by letter addressed to the Court plead guilty.

In any event, you may state any circumstances which you may choose by way excuse, and the Court will take them into consideration, in so far as they are not disputed by the prosecution.

If the Court decides to deal with the case in your absence, the under mentioned Statement of Facts will be read in Court. The prosecution will not be allowed to the Court any additional facts, apart from your previous convictions (if any).

(Sgd.)
Magistrate

[Subsidiary]

I request the Court to proceed under section 183(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 7) in respect of the charge(s) set out in the accompanying summons.

The Statement of Fact is as follows —

(Sgd.)
Complainant

Designation

Rank

To the Magistrate:

I plead guilty to the charge(s) set out in the accompanying summons:

I wish to bring the following circumstances to the notice of the Court —

Date:

Name

Place

Signature/Thumbprint

} of Accused

Witness: