

THE PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT COURT

Processes and General Timelines

What is the Protection from Harassment Court (PHC)?

The PHC will be a specialised District Court. It will be a one-stop centre for all harassment matters, with judges and staff who are trained to deal with such matters.

The PHC will use simplified forms and processes. It will also have an expedited process for certain matters, like Protection Order (PO) and Expedited PO (EPO) applications or claims for damages under \$20,000.

Faster relief for victims of harassment

The PHC will aim to hear the PO application within 4 weeks from the time of application.

The PHC will aim to hear the EPO application in 48-72 hours, and in 24 hours if there is actual violence or risk of violence.



Step 1
Application for a PO



Step 1A - If Appropriate
EPO hearing; if successful, EPO granted.
The EPO will remain effective until the hearing of the PO application.



Step 2
Court hearing for PO



Step 3
If successful, victim granted PO