



**National Court of Justice
Practice Direction No 4 of 2020**

Juvenile Justice Track

This Practice Direction is issued in consultation with and authorised by the Chief Justice.

1. The Judges as of June 2019 agreed to fully support the implementation of the *Juvenile Justice Act, 2014*.
2. A Juvenile Justice Track is now established in the National Court Criminal Registry for the expressed purpose of maintaining a record of any criminal case filed against a juvenile.
3. For the purposes of this rule, a juvenile is a person between the ages of 10 to 18 years.
4. Where the Registry becomes aware that a case filed involves a child under the age of 10, this information should immediately be brought to the attention of the Judge Administrator for Crimes.
5. All files created by the Registry as a Juvenile Justice file must be kept under a separate list and must not refer to a juvenile by his or her full name, but by their initials only.
6. All cases involving Juveniles registered in the National Court shall have the following code;
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7. A Juvenile Justice Track-list shall now be created for all registries both in Waigani and in the provincial registries.

Dated the 7th of September 2020

Ian V Augerea
Registrar