

Uniform Civil Procedure (Amendment No 97) Rule 2021

under the

Civil Procedure Act 2005

The Uniform Rules Committee has made the following rule of court under the *Civil Procedure Act 2005*.

Rebel Kenna Secretary of the Uniform Rules Committee

Explanatory note

The object of this Rule is to amend the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005* to increase, from 10 to 12, the age at which a child is deemed to be a defendant in an appeal to the District Court against a decision in relation to the care of the child.

This amendment will achieve consistency with the rebuttable presumptions in the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*, sections 99B and 99C.

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1 Name of Rule

This Rule is the Uniform Civil Procedure (Amendment No 97) Rule 2021.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005

Rule 50.18 Defendants in appeal

Omit "of or above the age of 10 years" from rule 50.18(1)(b). Insert instead "at least 12 years of age".