



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR
SASKATCHEWAN

FAMILY PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #2

MANDATORY PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

REFERENCE: FAM-PD #2

Former Reference: Practice Directive #14 issued October 17, 2001

Effective: July 1, 2013

1. This Practice Directive applies to family law proceedings commenced in judicial centres designated pursuant to subsection 7.1(1) of *The Queen's Bench Regulations*.
2. Every person commencing a family law proceeding in which custody, access or child support is in issue, other than proceedings pursuant to *The Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, 1996*, shall serve upon the respondent, at the same time as the document commencing the proceeding is served, a Notice to Attend a Parenting Education Program, which notice shall be in the attached form.

Chief Justice M. D. Popescul

NOTICE TO ATTEND A PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAM

To: The Respondent (or Petitioner),

_____ (Name)

YOU ARE REQUIRED to attend a parenting education program, unless:

- (a) you file with the court a certificate of attendance proving that you have attended a parenting education program or an equivalent program within the preceding two years; or
- (b) you obtain an exemption pursuant to subsection 44.1(9) of *The Queen's Bench Act, 1998*; or
- (c) you and all other parties to this proceeding certify in writing that a written agreement has been entered into settling all issues respecting custody, access and child support.

IF YOU FAIL to attend a parenting education program when required to do so the court may, on application:

- (a) strike out your pleading or other documents;
- (b) refuse to allow you to make submissions on an application or at trial; or
- (c) order you to attend a parenting education program within any time specified by the court.

To attend the course you must register at least two days in advance by telephone toll-free 1-877-964-5501 or 964-4410 in Saskatoon. There is no fee for registration. Parties do not attend the course together.

Dated at _____, Saskatchewan, this ____ day of _____, 2____.

Party or Party's Lawyer