



BOSSI Update

Guidance note on executing NSW paper land dealings and instruments during the pandemic

Restrictions imposed as a result of COVID-19 have made it difficult to prepare, sign and witness paper land dealings.

From 27 April 2020, changes to the Conveyancing Rules temporarily allow paper land dealings, plans and Section 88B instruments to be signed electronically. These documents may also be witnessed electronically using an audio visual link during the COVID-19 restriction, under the Electronic Transactions Amendment (COVID-19 Witnessing of Documents) Regulation 2020 which commenced on 22 April 2020.

These temporary changes **do not** alter any existing requirements for execution and certification, verification of identity or establishing the right to deal.

Please refer to the following Office of the Registrar General publications for more information about signing and witnessing documents, and for general information about how they are responding to COVID-19:

- [Conveyancing Rules – \(COVID-19 Pandemic\) Amendment – April 2020](#)
- [Guidance Note](#): executing NSW paper land dealings during COVID-19 restrictions
- [Guidance Note](#): executing NSW plans during COVID-19 restrictions
- Office of the Registrar General's [coronavirus update](#)

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