

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU



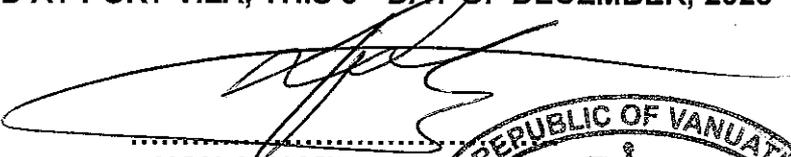
CHIEF JUSTICE'S CHAMBERS

ORDER FOR 2025/2026 COURTS RECESS

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by Rule 18 of the Civil Procedure Rules 2002, **I HEREBY make the following ORDERS:**

1. That the Court Recess for 2025 shall be from Monday 15th December 2025 to Friday 16th January 2026.
2. That this Order shall apply to all courts.
3. That during the recess period, there will be no court sittings, except for cases or matters and/or situations requiring urgent court sittings or hearings and under the conditions set out in paragraph 3 of the Practice Note No.01 of 2015. (See a copy is herewith attached).
4. That subject to (a) below, all Court Registries will remain open and operative during the court recess; and
 - a) The Court Registries shall be closed from Friday 19th December 2025 to Tuesday 29th December 2025 and again on Friday 2nd January 2026;
 - b) Court cases already listed for hearing (if any) during the recess period shall still be heard unless directed otherwise by the Presiding Judicial Officer.
5. That during the recess period, Duty Judges and Magistrates will be provided only for cases requiring urgent court sittings or hearings and under the conditions set out in paragraph 3 of the Practice Note No.01 of 2015. (Referred to above).
 - (i) Duty Judge can be contacted on 7744066 (Chief Registrar);
 - (ii) Duty Magistrates can be contacted on 7396028 (Assistant Registrar – Magistrate Court).
6. That the Courts shall officially open on Friday 23rd January 2026.
7. That this Order comes into force on the date of its signature.

DATED AT PORT VILA, THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025


HON. VINCENT LUNABEK
CHIEF JUSTICE

