

Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure

Rule 101. Purpose, Application, and Construction of Rules.

- [(A)](a) Purpose.** These rules are intended to provide for the just determination of every criminal proceeding.
- [(B)](b) Application.** These rules shall be **[construed] applied** to secure simplicity in procedure, fairness in administration, and the elimination of unjustifiable expense and delay.
- [(C)](c) Construction.** **[To the extent practicable, these rules shall be construed in consonance with the rules of statutory construction.] In the construction of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, the principles set forth in Pa.R.J.A. 104 to 115 shall be observed.**

Comment: These rules were adopted under the Act of July 11, 1957, P.L. 819, 17 P.S. § 2084 (Supp.), which was repealed by JARA, 42 P.S. § 20002(a), and replaced by 42 Pa.C.S. § 1722(a)(1).

[Official Note: Rule 2 adopted June 30, 1964, effective January 1, 1965; renumbered Rule 101 and amended March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001.]

Committee Explanatory Reports:

Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court's Order at 30 Pa.B. 1478 (March 18, 2000).]

Rule 600. Prompt Trial.

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When calculating the number of days set forth herein, see **[the Statutory Construction Act, 1 Pa.C.S. § 1908] Pa.R.J.A. 107.**

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[Official Note: Rule 1100 adopted June 8, 1973, effective prospectively as set forth in paragraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2) of this rule; paragraph (E) amended December 9,

1974, effective immediately; paragraph (E) re-amended June 28, 1976, effective July 1, 1976; amended October 22, 1981, effective January 1, 1982. (The amendment to paragraph (C)(3)(b) excluding defense-requested continuances was specifically made effective as to continuances requested on or after January 1, 1982.) Amended December 31, 1987, effective immediately; amended September 30, 1988, effective immediately; amended September 3, 1993, effective January 1, 1994; Comment revised September 13, 1995, effective January 1, 1996. The January 1, 1996 effective date extended to April 1, 1996; the April 1, 1996 effective date extended to July 1, 1996; renumbered Rule 600 and amended March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001; Comment revised April 20, 2000, effective July 1, 2000; rescinded October 1, 2012, effective July 1, 2013. New Rule 600 adopted October 1, 2012, effective July 1, 2013.

Committee Explanatory Reports:

Report explaining the September 3, 1993 amendments published with the Court's Order at 23 Pa.B. 4492 (September 25, 1993). Final Report explaining the September 13, 1995 Comment revision published with Court's Order at 25 Pa.B. 4116 (September 30, 1995). Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court's Order at 30 Pa.B. 1478 (March 18, 2000). Final Report explaining the April 20, 2000 Comment revision concerning Commonwealth v. Hill and Commonwealth v. Cornell published with the Court's Order at 30 Pa.B. 2219 (May 6, 2000). Final Report explaining the October 1, 2012 rescission of current Rule 600 and the provisions of new Rule 600 published with the Court's Order at 42 Pa.B. 6629 (October 20, 2012).]