

6.7 HEARING DURATION

1. A trial is designated "of long duration" if it is anticipated that it will last more than five (5) days.
2. If any party to a trial is of the view that a trial will last longer than five days, that party shall deliver at least two weeks before the trial date a letter to the registrar marked for the attention of the Deputy Judge President. The letter must set out -
 - 2.1 the names of the parties to the trial and the case number;
 - 2.2 the nature of the dispute;
 - 2.3 an estimate of the probable duration of the trial;
 - 2.4 that a pre-trial conference in terms of Rule 37 has been held and a copy of relevant minute must be annexed to the letter.
3. If any party to a trial is of the view that a trial will last longer than ten days that party shall act as set out in paragraph 2 above, but shall do so at least four weeks before the trial date.
- 4.1 If any party or the parties to a trial are of the view that a trial will last longer than fifteen (15) days, after following the procedure for the allocation of the trial date, as set out in Transvaal Rule 7, the party or parties shall deliver a letter to the registrar marked for the attention of the Deputy Judge President. The letter must set out -
 - 4.1.1 the names of the parties to the trial and the case number;
 - 4.1.2 the nature of the dispute;
 - 4.1.3 an estimate of the probable duration of the trial;
 - 4.1.4 that a pre-trial conference in terms of rule 37 has been held and a copy of the relevant minute must be annexed to the letter.
- 4.2 The Deputy Judge President shall inform the parties in writing of the date allocated for the trial upon receipt of the letter that complies with 4.1 above. A trial date for a matter anticipated to last longer than fifteen (15) days will only be allocated by the Deputy Judge President in writing.
- 4.3 After being informed of the trial date, all the parties to the trial must comply with Transvaal Rule 7 (5).
5. If the letter referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above is not directed by all the parties to the trial, proof that a copy of the letter has been forwarded to the other party or parties to the trial, must be provided.
6. Any party who is in receipt of a letter referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above and who wishes to make representations in respect thereof, may do so by forthwith delivering a letter to the registrar for the attention of the Deputy Judge President. A copy of this letter must be delivered to all other parties to the trial and proof thereof must be provided.