

Rule 1201. Applicability.

The rules in this chapter apply to the exercise by a hearing officer of jurisdiction under Section 6110 of the Protection From Abuse Act, 23 Pa.C.S. § 6110, to grant emergency relief from abuse.

*Official Note:* See the Protection From Abuse Act set forth in the Domestic Relations Code, 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6101 [ et seq. ] -6118.

**The court of common pleas of each judicial district is responsible to ensure that a judge or magisterial district judge “is available on a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year basis to accept and decide on petitions for an emergency court order under” the Older Adult Protective Services Act. 35 P.S. § 10225.307. Actions commenced under the Older Adult Protective Services Act are governed by statute and local procedures, not by these rules.**

Rule 1202. Definitions.

As used in [ **these rules** ] **this chapter**:

[ (1) *Abuse, adults and family or household members* ] **“abuse” “adult” and “family or household members”** shall have the meanings given to those words in Section 6102 of the Protection From Abuse Act, 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102 [ . ] ;

[ (2) *Court* ] **“court”** means the court of common pleas of the judicial district in which the office of the hearing officer taking action under these rules is located [ . ] ;

[ (3) *Hearing officer* ] **“hearing officer”** means a magisterial district judge, judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, bail commissioner appointed under 42 Pa.C.S. [ **Section** ] § 1123 (relating to jurisdiction and venue), [ **and** ] master appointed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 1126 (relating to masters), **and master for emergency relief appointed under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6110(e) (relating to master for emergency relief)**.