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Public Authority Having Jurisdiction

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Effective October 31, 2025, a new enhancement will be implemented in Teraview to improve the customer experience by reducing the number of documents returned for correction or withdrawn.

Public Authority having Jurisdiction (or "PAJH") was entered into the owner's name field in situations in which land was vested in a public authority, but the specific authority was not provided (for example, if the Owner's Certificate on a Plan of Subdivision did not set out the name of the authority to whom the land was dedicated). Before dealing with a "PAHJ" parcel, the appropriate public authority must first register an application to be entered as owner. To support this goal, party names containing "Public Authority for" or similar descriptors will be blocked from registration across all electronic document types in Teraview. If any of the descriptors listed below are detected in the Party From or Party To fields at the time of signing, Teraview will display the following error message:

"Party From (or Party To) name PUBLIC AUTHORITY is not acceptable for registration."

The registration process will be halted until the issue is resolved.

Blocked Party Name Descriptors:

These descriptors will be blocked with or without a corporate identifier:

- PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION
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- PUBLIC AUTHORITY
- PAHJ
- PAHJ
- P.A.H.J.

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