

172nd UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot and Practice Direction 51ZB – The Damages Claims Pilot, which supplement the Civil Procedure Rules 1998, are made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lady Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Heidi Alexander, Minister of State (Ministry of Justice), by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments come into force on 18 September 2024.



The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos

Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice



Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Heidi Alexander

Minister of State

Ministry of Justice

Date: 13 September 2024

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R – ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT

- 1) For paragraphs 6C.1(1) and (2) substitute--

“**6C.1** Once a judge or legal adviser has considered the forms under paragraphs 6A.5(5) or 6A.6(2) and made directions, the claim is to be sent out of Online Civil Money Claims unless all the parties are represented by a legal representative.”.

- 2) In the words in parentheses following paragraph 6C.1, omit “and the claim is proceeding in a County Court hearing centre other than in Birmingham”.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51ZB – THE DAMAGES CLAIMS PILOT

- 3) Omit the heading to paragraph 7.4A.
- 4) Omit paragraph 7.4A and the words in parentheses following it.