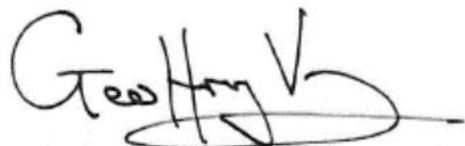


## 193<sup>rd</sup> UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the Practice Directions which supplement the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 are made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Sarah Sackman KC, Minister of State, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to the existing Practice Directions come into force as follows—	
Practice Direction 3A – Striking out a statement of case	6 April 2026
Practice Direction 27B – claims under the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims below the Small Claims Limit in Road Traffic Accidents – court procedure	6 April 2026
Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot	6 April 2026
Practice Direction 51ZE – Small Claims Track automatic referral to mediation pilot scheme	6 April 2026
Practice Direction 52D – Statutory appeals and appeals subject to special provision: amendment to paragraph 16.1	On the date on which, and immediately after, section 56 of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Act 2025 comes into force for all purposes
Practice Direction 52D – Statutory appeals and appeals subject to special provision: amendments other than to paragraph 16.1	On the date after the date on which this 193 <sup>rd</sup> Update is made, subject to the transitional

	provision included in this Update
Practice direction 57AD – Disclosure for the Business and Property Courts	6 April 2026
Practice Direction 77 – Applications for and relating to serious crime prevention orders and referral of release decisions	On the date on which, and immediately after, section 56 of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Act 2025 comes into force for all purposes




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The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos  
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

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Sarah Sackman KC

Minster of State

Ministry of Justice

Date:

## **TRANSITIONAL PROVISION**

- 1) In this transitional provision, “the PD 52D amendments” means the amendments made by this Update to Practice Direction 52D, other than the amendment to paragraph 16.1 of that Practice Direction.
- 2) The PD 52D amendments apply only in relation to appeals made on or after the date on which the PD 52D amendments come into force.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 3A – STRIKING OUT A STATEMENT OF CASE**

- 1) In paragraph 6.1, omit “and to Practice Direction 24”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 27B – CLAIMS UNDER THE PRE-ACTION PROTOCOL FOR PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS BELOW THE SMALL CLAIMS LIMIT IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS – COURT PROCEDURE**

- 1) In Appendix A: List of terms, in paragraph 3(5)(a), for “the Motor Insurance Database” substitute “**Navigate (Motor Insurance Policy Database)**”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R – ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT**

- 1) In paragraph 2.1(1)(b), for “1st October 2026” substitute “6th April 2027”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 51ZE – SMALL CLAIMS TRACK AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO MEDIATION PILOT SCHEME**

- 1) In paragraph 2, for “21 May 2026” substitute “6 April 2027”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 52D – STATUTORY APPEALS AND APPEALS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROVISION**

- 1) In the table of contents, after the entry for paragraph 32.1 (Appeals under section 11 of the UK Borders Act 2007) insert –

“

Appeals under the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 art.17(2)	Para. 33.1
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“

2) In the table following paragraph 5.1—

a) after the entry for the Agricultural Land Tribunal, insert—

“

Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024, art.17(1)	High Court	19.1
Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024, art.17(2)	County Court	33.1

”;

- b) omit the entry for the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997;
- c) in the entry for the Opticians Act 1989, for “s. 23” substitute “s.23G”; and
- d) omit the entry for the Pharmacy Act 1954.

3) In paragraph 16.1, after “serious crime prevention order” insert “or an interim serious crime prevention order”.

4) In paragraph 19.1(1)—

a) before paragraph (a), insert—

“(aa) article 17(1) of the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024;”;

b) omit paragraph (g);

c) in paragraph (i), for “section 23” substitute “section 23G”; and

d) omit paragraph (k).

5) At the start of paragraph 19.1(3), for “The” substitute “Where the lower court has not directed a time limit for filing the appellant’s notice and the relevant legislation does not contain a specific time limit, the”.

6) In the table below paragraph 19.1—

a) before the entry for the Architects Act 1997, insert—

“

Anaesthesia Associates and Physician	The General Medical Council
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”;

- b) in the entry for the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997 and the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001, omit “Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997, s. 12;”;
- c) in the entry for the Opticians Act 1989, for “s. 23” substitute “s.23G”; and
- d) omit the entry for the Pharmacy Act 1954.

7) After paragraph 32.1, insert—

**“Appeals under the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024, art.17(2)**

33.1(1) This paragraph applies to an appeal to the County Court under article 17(2) of the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 (the 2024 Order).

(2) The appeal must be supported by written evidence.

(Rule 52.21 provides that the appeal will be limited to a review of the decision, unless the court considers it would be in the interests of justice to hold a re-hearing.)

(3) The General Medical Council is to be made the respondent to the appeal, and the Registrar of that Council is the person to be served with the appellant’s notice.

(Article 17(5) of the 2024 Order sets out the time limit within which an appellant’s notice must be filed.”).

**PRACTICE DIRECTION 57AD – DISCLOSURE FOR THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS**

- 1) In the table of contents, in the entry for paragraph 18, after “additional order for” insert “, or in relation to.”.
- 2) In the heading to paragraph 18, after “additional order for” insert “, or in relation to.”.
- 3) After paragraph 18.4 insert—

“18.5 The court may order a party to request any person to produce for disclosure and inspection any document which may support the case or adversely affect the case of any party to the proceedings.”.
- 4) Below paragraph 21.4, insert the following signpost on a separate line—

“(Paragraph 18.5 provides for the court to order a party to request another person to disclose a document.”).

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 77 – APPLICATIONS FOR AND RELATING TO SERIOUS CRIME PREVENTION ORDERS AND REFERRAL OF RELEASE DECISIONS**

- 1) In the table of contents, in the entry for paragraph 3.1, after “SCPO” insert “or an ISCPO”.
- 2) In the heading to paragraph 3.1, after “SCPO” insert “or an ISCPO”.
- 3) In paragraph 3.1 –
  - a) in sub-paragraph (2), after “the SCPO” each time it appears, insert “or ISCPO”;
  - b) in sub-paragraph (2A), after “the SCPO” each time it appears, insert “or ISCPO”;
  - c) in sub-paragraph (3)—
    - i. after “vary the SCPO” insert “or ISCPO”; and
    - ii. omit “or the person who is the subject of the SCPO”;
  - d) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) and (c), after “the SCPO” insert “or ISCPO”; and
  - e) in sub-paragraph (4)—
    - i. after “discharge of the SCPO” insert “or ISCPO”;
    - ii. omit “or the person who is the subject of the SCPO”; and
    - iii. in paragraph (a), after “SCPO” insert “or ISCPO”.
- 4) In paragraph 4.1, after “an SCPO” each time it appears, insert “or ISCPO”..