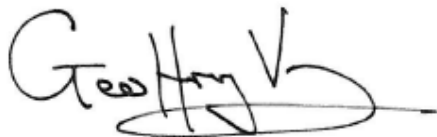


142nd UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Practice Direction 51ZB – The Damages Claims Pilot, which supplements 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 is approved by Lord Wolfson of Tredegar QC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to Practice Direction 51ZB made by this instrument come into force on 4 April 2022.



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



Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Lord Wolfson of Tredegar QC

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice

Ministry of Justice

Date: 22/03/2022

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51ZB – THE DAMAGES CLAIMS PILOT

1) For paragraph 1.2, substitute—

“1.2

(1) This Practice Direction—

(a) establishes a pilot to test an online claims process called “Damages Claims”. Damages Claims are managed using the Damages Claims Portal (“DCP”); and

(b) sets out the circumstances in which the DCP must be used.

(2) The pilot applies in the county court.”.

2) In paragraph 1.6—

a) for “A claim is only suitable for the pilot if all of the following conditions are met—”, substitute—

“(1) The conditions for using the pilot are set out in sub-paragraph (3).

(2) If all of the conditions in sub-paragraph (3) are met—

(a) the claimant’s legal representative must register with MyHMCTS and secure access to the DCP before the claim is started; and

(b) the claim must be started using the procedure set out in this Practice Direction.

(3) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are—”;

b) in what will now be sub-paragraph (3)(e), before “the claimant is aged 18”, insert “if an individual,”;

c) in what will now be sub-paragraph (3)(i), in sub-paragraph (iii), at the end, omit “and”;

d) in what will now be sub-paragraph (3)(j)—

i) in sub-paragraph (ii), before “is aged 18 years”, insert “if an individual,”

ii) in sub-paragraph (iii), at the end, for “.” substitute “; and”; and

iii) after sub-paragraph (iii), insert—

“(iv) is not the Crown; and”; and

e) after what will now be sub-paragraph (3)(j), insert—

“(k) the claim is not one to which Practice Direction 27B applies.”.