

157th 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 Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Lord Bellamy KC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to the Practice Directions come into force as follows -	
Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot: amendments to the table of contents and paragraph 2.1	11am on 17 July 2023
Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot: amendments to paragraph 2A.1	11am on 27 July 2023
Practice Direction 51ZB – the Damages Claims Pilot: all amendments other than to paragraphs 1.6 and 6.2	11am on 17 July 2023
Practice Direction 51ZB – the Damages Claims Pilot: amendments to paragraphs 1.6 and 6.2	11am on 27 July 2023

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

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Lord Bellamy KC

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice

Ministry of Justice

Date: 11th July 2023

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R – ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT

- 1) In the table of contents –
 - a) in the entry for the heading to Section 17 after “application or” insert “request”;
and
 - b) in the entry for the heading to paragraph 17.1 after “application or” insert
“request”.

- 2) In paragraph 2.1(1) for “30th November 2023” substitute “1st October 2024”.

- 3) Substitute paragraph 2A.1(2) with –
“(2) Court fees must be paid using any method permitted by HMCTS.”.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51ZB – THE DAMAGES CLAIMS PILOT

- 1) In the table of contents, after the entry for Section 8 insert –
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- 2) In paragraph 1.3 for “30 April 2024” substitute “1 October 2024”.

- 3) In paragraph 1.6(3)(g) for “the “Payment by Account” system” substitute “any method permitted by HMCTS”.

- 4) Substitute paragraph 2.1(1)(b) and (c) with –
 - “(b) submit the claim form using the DCP, by selecting the “submit” button; and

 - (c) pay, through the DCP, the appropriate fee that is prescribed in the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008.”.

5) In paragraph 6.2(1) for “, or extensions, of time of up to 28 days in total” substitute “of time without making an application, provided that only one extension may be agreed and that extension is of 28 days”.

6) For paragraph 6.2(2) substitute –

“(2) Any application for an extension of time must be filed at the CCMCC.”.

7) In paragraph 6.2(3), for “(1)” substitute “(2)”.

8) After paragraph 8.3 insert –

“8.3A

Where a claim has not already been transferred out of the DCP but the court, at any stage, concludes that the claim is not suitable for the DCP, or is no longer suitable for it, or is otherwise not appropriate for it, a judge must transfer the claim out.”.

9) In paragraph 8.7(1) for “rule at the CCMCC” substitute –

“rule –

- (a) at the CCMCC; or
- (b) if the claim has been transferred to a County Court hearing centre, at that hearing centre”.

10) In paragraph 8.7(2), for “DCP continue in the CCMCC as if it had been started under CPR Part 7.” substitute –

“DCP to continue in the CCMCC, or if the claim has been transferred to a County Court hearing centre, at that hearing centre, as if it had been started under CPR Part 7.”.

11) After paragraph 8.7 insert –

“SECTION 9 – FEES

9.1

(1) A party may only take a step using the DCP on payment of any relevant fee.

(Relevant court fees are set out in the Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008.)

(2) Court fees must be paid before 4pm on the date that they are due, in full using any method permitted by HMCTS.”.