

169th UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTIONS AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money 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 are approved by Lord Bellamy KC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments come into force on 18 May 2024.

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: 15 May 2024

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R – ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT

1) In paragraph 21.1(2)—

- a) following “where the” insert “claimant is legally represented and –“;
- b) omit “change is from one legal representative to another”; and
- c) after paragraph 21.1(2) insert--

“(a) the change is from one legal representative to another; or

(b) the defendant who was acting in person is to be represented by a legal representative,

in circumstances where the incoming legal representative is registered with MyHMCTS and has been provided with access to Online Civil Money Claims.”.

2) For paragraph 21.1(3) substitute—

“**21.1(3)** Unless MyHMCTS is used to file the notice, if a party files a notice of change, the court must transfer the claim out of Online Civil Money Claims to continue –

(a) at the CNBC; or

(b) if the claim has been sent to a County Court hearing centre, at that hearing centre,

as if it had been started under CPR Part 7.”.

3) After paragraph 21.1(3) insert (a new paragraph)—

“**21.1(4)** If a notice of change is filed and the effect is that a previously unrepresented defendant is to be represented and MyHMCTS is used to file the notice of change so that the claim remains in the pilot, from the point at which the notice is filed, the claim is to be treated and this practice direction applies, as a claim where all parties are represented.”.

