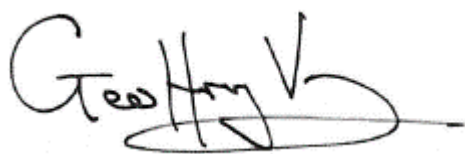


## 194th UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot and PD 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 Sarah Sackman KC, Minister of State (Ministry of Justice), by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to the Practice Directions come into force on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.



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



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Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Sarah Sackman KC

Minister of State

Ministry of Justice

Date: 4 May 2026

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

1. In paragraph 11.1(2A) omit “in accordance with Civil Procedure Rules Part 23. If the court receives such an application, it must send the claim out of Online Civil Money Claims”.
2. In paragraph 11.1A(3), omit “or application”.
3. After paragraph 11.1A(3), insert –  
  
“(Section 16B contains provisions about making applications.)”.
4. At the end of paragraph 14.4(1)(a), after the semi-colon insert “or”.
5. In paragraph 16B.1(10)(b), before “11.1B(8)”, insert “11.1(2A) or”.
6. In paragraph 16B.2(2) –
  - a. in the second sentence, after “any such application,” insert “subject to subparagraph (3),”; and
  - b. in the third sentence, omit “, unless the application is an application for the determination of costs or disbursements under Civil Procedure Rule 45.64, in which the case the directions must include that the claim be sent out of Online Civil Money Claims”.
7. After paragraph 16B.2(2), insert –  
  
“(3) If the application made is –
  - (a) an application for default judgment under paragraph 11.1(2A) or 11.1B(8) where there is a Mental Health Crisis Moratorium in place under the Debt Respite Scheme (Breathing Space Moratorium and Mental Health Crisis Moratorium) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020; or
  - (b) an application for the determination of costs or disbursements under Civil Procedure Rule 45.64,the claim must be sent out of Online Civil Money Claims.”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 51ZB – THE DAMAGES CLAIMS PILOT**

8. In paragraph 7A.1(10), after subparagraph (b) insert –

“(ba) any application for the determination of the amount of costs or disbursements under Civil Procedure Rule 45.64 (determination where all parties agree on all issues except costs);”.

9. In paragraph 7A.2(3) for “, which may include” substitute “. The directions may include a direction”.

10. For paragraph 7A.2(4), substitute –

“(4) If the application made is –

(a) an application for default judgment under paragraph 6.6(4)(b) where there is a Mental Health Crisis Moratorium in place under the Debt Respite Scheme (Breathing Space Moratorium and Mental Health Crisis Moratorium) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020; or

(b) an application for the determination of costs or disbursements under Civil Procedure Rule 45.64,

the claim must be transferred out of the DCP.”.