

119th UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments in relation to Practice Direction 51R supplementing 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 Chris Philp MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments made by this Update come into force on 14 April 2020 and apply in relation to all claims submitted to the court on or after 11.00 a.m. on that date.

The Right Honourable Sir Terence Etherton
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Chris Philp MP

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice

Ministry of Justice

Date: 13th April 2020

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R – ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT

- 1) In paragraph 1.1, in the definition of “OCMC postal address”, omit “(a)”.
- 2) In paragraph 5.1, in Table A –
 - a) in the entry for “defend part of the claim/admit part of the claim” omit “or paper copy to the Online Civil Money Claims postal address”; and
 - b) in the entry for “Admission” omit “or paper copy to the Online Civil Money Claims postal address”.
- 3) In paragraph 6.8(3), for “, a legal adviser may” until “If the forms”, substitute –
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 - (a) a legal adviser may consider the forms under Section 20, Table A;
 - (b) if the claim has been selected to test this new feature (form OCON180) on or after 11.00 a.m. on 24 February 2020 and the claim is for an amount between £300.01 and £1,000, a judge may consider the forms; or
 - (c) if the claim has been selected to test this new feature on or after 11.00 a.m. on 14 April 2020, then irrespective of the amount of the claim, a judge may consider the forms.(3A) If the forms”.
- 4) In paragraph 6.8(3A), after “adviser” insert “under subparagraph (3)”.
- 5) In paragraph 6.8(4), for “(3)” substitute “(3A)”.
- 6) In paragraph 19.1(3), for “, which may include” substitute “. The court may also give directions about the future management of the claim. Directions given under this paragraph may include directions”.
- 7) In paragraph 20.1(1)(c), in Table 1A, after the entry for Central London County Court, insert the following entry –

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Any county court hearing centre	14 April 2020
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