

Dear ACL Legal Aid Group member

We have received confirmation from the LAA that the new question for voluntarily assessed bills was successfully released on the CCMS last night (as anticipated in our update of the 4th April 2022). Present indications suggest that the upgrade has been successful.

Since the question is now mandatory, CCMS will now enforce its inclusion in any XML files for claim upload. If the question is missing from your XML, you should get error code 3002 for mandatory value not specified. The specified value missing will be "GB_COURT_ASSESS_VOLUNTARY", with a true/false response.

We have also been advised that the CCMS was upgraded so that it will stop asking for the date of the Court assessment in cases where that is no longer appropriate. Consequently, you will no longer have to work around that issue by entering the date of the bill creation.

Whilst the LAA did test the upgrade thoroughly, as with any upgrade, there is always the possibility that it causes issues further down the line through wide-scale usage that can't be replicated during testing. Consequently, please do let us know via the ACL office of any issues experienced with the new question. We will report any issues with the new question to the relevant team at the LAA so that they can get the issue in front of the digital team as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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