

Dear ACL LAG member

I am writing to you to inform you that we have been told this morning that the LAA are giving the notice period today in relation to the civil taxed bills. The transfer of Court Assessed claims from HMCTS to LAA will take place on Monday 17th August..

The announcement that the LAA will be issuing shortly is as follows:

“Following the closure of the consultation on amendments to the Cost Assessment Guidance with the designated consultative bodies, the LAA and HMCTS can now confirm the operational arrangements.

The transfer of Court Assessed claims from HMCTS to LAA will take place on Monday 17th August.

From 17th August all claims must be sent to the LAA for assessment. Any claims for assessment received by HMCTS from this date will be returned without being processed. The Senior Courts Costs Office (SCCO) will reject any claims submitted via CE File on or after 17th August and refund the court fee paid in the usual way.

Any claims submitted to HMCTS before 17 August may be returned to you for submission to the LAA if the HMCTS assessment process has not started. Any claims submitted to SCCO prior to 17th August will be retained and the court will endeavour to process the claims within 4 weeks of the date of receipt.

As previously advertised the LAA will accept and assess any court assessed bills sent to us on a voluntary basis in advance of this date. We recommend that providers consider sending claims to the LAA in advance of the mandatory transfer on 17th August to avoid unnecessary delay with the assessment of their claims.”

The notice will also contain links to guidance to assist you.

We are working with the LAA to try to formulate a new format of bill submission that will replace the current Court Bill format and avoid the use in very big cases of a line by line submission on CCMS which can be difficult for both us and the LAA. We will be notifying you of any progress made in this regard and if you have any particular questions or queries please let us know and we will be pleased to try and assist you.

Kind regards

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