



18 March 2026

Dear Provider,

Please find below a reminder of Submit a Bulk Claim upcoming deadline of this Friday 20th March.

**For the attention of all legal aid contract holders**

**Submit a Bulk Claim (SaBC) upcoming deadlines**

We would like to remind you that the deadline for submitting your February claims and historic contingency submissions from April to December 2025 into SaBC is **this Friday 20 March 2026**.

We've now received almost all historic submissions, and most providers have uploaded all their contingency information on SaBC. We really appreciate your efforts to complete these promptly.

**If you have not yet submitted yours, please do so as soon as possible.** This gives us the best opportunity to work with you should you encounter any issues or have any queries which we can try and assist to resolve.

Please note, you should submit your April 2025 submission into SaBC even if you were able to submit that to CWA in May 2025.

If you have any technical issues/questions, please continue to raise them via [submitabulkclaimqueries@justice.gov.uk](mailto:submitabulkclaimqueries@justice.gov.uk). If there are wider difficulties with meeting that deadline, please ensure you speak to your Contract Manager as soon as possible so we can understand these and try and assist where possible.

### **Successful resolution of issues**

We are also pleased to confirm that the issue which led to some providers receiving a message rejecting a claim as “*Provider is not contracted for the category of law associated with the Fee Code*” has been resolved. We have contacted those providers that raised the issue with us, and they should now be able to proceed with those submissions.

Providers may legitimately receive the error message if they did not have a schedule authorisation in place for a category as of the reported case start date in a claim.

We have also resolved an issue relating to Stage Disbursements which had led SaBC to incorrectly calculate the required 3-month gap between case start date and submission, particularly where submission months were reported out of order. We have also communicated directly to those providers that raised the issue with us.

Thank you for your patience while our developers have worked at pace to resolve these issues.