



Legal Aid Agency

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Dear Provider,

Updates marked for the attention of 'legal aid practitioners' are intended for all Providers, Barristers and others who interact with the Legal Aid Agency's systems and processes.

For the attention of Civil legal aid practitioners:

New feature which allows you to edit Merits information in Civil Apply

Following extensive feedback from legal aid practitioners, we are introducing a new feature to make Civil Apply applications easier to edit before submission. From tomorrow (Tuesday 28th July 2026) you will have the ability to go back and edit the merits section of your application before you submit it in Civil Apply.

You will be able to edit the **merits section** from the final review page before submission, for example, the statement of case. [Further information is available on the Legal Aid Learning website.](#) Previously, you could already make edits at the end of each section but could not return to edit later.

Allowing applications to be edited before submission reduces administrative burden by enabling updates and corrections without restarting applications.

We're introducing this functionality in stages and are working to make more sections of Civil Apply applications editable in future releases.

Where changes affect answers you entered elsewhere in the application, we'll explain the impact before you confirm your changes.