

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 3132

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 1

OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE

The overriding objective

1.1.—(1) These Rules are a new procedural code with the overriding objective of enabling the court to deal with cases justly [^{F1}and at proportionate cost].

(2) Dealing with a case justly [^{F2}and at proportionate cost] includes, so far as is practicable—

(a) ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing [^{F3}and can participate fully in proceedings, and that parties and witnesses can give their best evidence];

(b) saving expense;

(c) dealing with the case in ways which are proportionate—

(i) to the amount of money involved;

(ii) to the importance of the case;

(iii) to the complexity of the issues; and

(iv) to the financial position of each party;

(d) ensuring that it is dealt with expeditiously and fairly; ^{F4}...

(e) allotting to it an appropriate share of the court's resources, while taking into account the need to allot resources to other cases [^{F5}; and]

[^{F6}(f) enforcing compliance with rules, practice directions and orders.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in rule 1.1(1) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/262), rules 2, **4(a)** (with rule 22)

F2 Words in rule 1.1(2) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/262), rules 2, **4(b)(i)** (with rule 22)

F3 Words in rule 1.1(2)(a) inserted (6.4.2021) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2021](#) (S.I. 2021/117), rules 1(1), **4(2)**

F4 Word in rule 1.1(2)(d) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/262), rules 2, **4(b)(ii)** (with rule 22)

F5 Word in rule 1.1(2)(e) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/262), rules 2, **4(b)(iii)** (with rule 22)

F6 Rule 1.1(2)(f) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/262), rules 2, **4(b)(iv)** (with rule 22)

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the
The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 1.1. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

II [Rule 1.1](#) in force at 26.4.1999, see [Signature](#)

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