
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 3132

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 1

OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE

The overriding objective

1.1.—(1) These Rules are a ^{F1}... procedural code with the overriding objective of enabling the court to deal with cases justly [^{F2}and at proportionate cost].

(2) Dealing with a case justly [^{F3}and at proportionate cost] includes, so far as is practicable—

(a) ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing [^{F4}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; ^{F5}...

(e) allotting to it an appropriate share of the court's resources, while taking into account the need to allot resources to other cases [^{F6}; and]

[^{F7}(f) enforcing compliance with rules, practice directions and orders.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Word in rule 1.1(1) omitted (6.4.2022) by virtue of The Civil Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2022 (S.I. 2022/101), rules 1(1), 4

F2 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)

F3 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)

F4 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)

F5 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)

F6 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)

F7 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)

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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