
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Family Procedure Rules 2010 ([S.I. 2010/2955](#)) (“the FPR”).

Rule 3 amends the definition of “authorised family mediator” in rule 3.1 of the FPR.

Rule 4 inserts a new rule 5.5 into the FPR allowing for a Practice Direction to make provision for filing documents with and sending documents to the court by e-mail. Rules 5 and 6 make related amendments to Part 6 of the FPR relating to service by e-mail.

Rule 7 inserts a new rule 9.46 into the FPR which makes provision about communication of information from financial remedy proceedings.

Rule 8 amends rule 29.12 of the FPR to facilitate storage of documents in electronic format.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument because no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.