

# Costs Budgeting Light Process Overview

Part 7 multi-track claim issued between 06.04.25 and 05.04.28 and

..proceeding in the BPC of England and Wales/BPC in Manchester/BPC in Leeds or is Business and Property work in the County Court at Central London/ Manchester/ Leeds

..claim value less than £1m and neither PD51ZG1 nor CPR 44.13 apply and proceeding in County Court at Central London or at the Leeds or Bristol District Registries

..CPR 44.13 (QOCS) is applicable and proceeding in the High Court District Registries at Manchester or at Birmingham

... PD51ZG1 - Precedent Z, 21 days before 1<sup>st</sup> CMC

... PD51ZG2 Precedent Z, 21 days before 1<sup>st</sup> CMC and Precedent RZ, 7 days before 1<sup>st</sup> CMC. Default position is CMO made with reference to Precedent Z, unless court satisfied CMO not required. (PD51ZG2 process is the same as PD51ZG1+ claim value less than £1m)

... PD51ZG3 Precedent Z, 21 days before 1<sup>st</sup> CMC. Only Defendant to file and serve Precedent RZ, 14 days before 1<sup>st</sup> CMC. Precedent RZ not required if split or preliminary issue trial.

...where claim value is £1m or more, default position is court shall not costs manage case, unless satisfied litigation can only be conducted with CMO

...where CMO made with reference to Precedent Z, CPR 3.15, CPR 3.15A, CPR 3.16, CPR 3.17 and CPR 3.18 shall apply with modification to the description of the forms

...if CMO, court may give directions at the 1<sup>st</sup> CMC including in respect of costs management which may include whether:  
 (i) court will manage costs of using Precedent Z  
 (ii) court considers Precedent H or updated Precedent Z to be required  
 (iii) Precedent R or Precedent RZ is to be filed  
 (iv) a CCMC or costs management conference is to be listed within 35 days of 1<sup>st</sup> CMC

...where court does not make a CMO  
 (a) provisions of paras 3.2-3.7 of PD44 apply as if Precedent H is synonymous with Precedent Z;  
 (b) unless ordered otherwise, updated Precedent Z no later than 28 days before (i) the start of the trial (ii) the start of the trial window (iii) 7 days before any PTR (whichever is earlier); and  
 (c) court may order a Precedent Z at any stage

...where claim value is less than £1m, Precedent RZ, 7 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> CMC. Default position is CMO made with reference to Precedent Z, unless court satisfied CMO not required

...if fail to comply with obligations, the court may impose sanctions which may include limiting the recovery of budgeted costs to applicable court fees