

Consultation closes on 11 February 2022



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### **Civil Procedure Rule Committee consultation**

The latest rules committee proposed changes and consultation have been subject to discussion, and the consultation closes on 11 Feb 2022. Its focus is changing the CPR to make it more accessible to litigants in person. The majority of the changes focus on tidying up and slimming down the rules.

The general background:

***In 2021 the Civil Procedure Rule Committee started a new project to simplify the rules – commencing a rolling programme of consultation whereby drafting proposals are published for comment before changes are introduced. The proposed changes to the CPR will be focused on drafting amendments and not substantive changes. Some proposals may relocate or dispense with provisions altogether.***

***The next set of proposed reforms published for consultation concern CPR Part 2 (Application and Interpretation of the Rules), Part 3 (the Court's Case Management Powers), and Part 4 (Forms).***

Click here to read about the [Civil Procedure Rule Committee](#)

A copy of the most recent notes from the CPRC meeting of 5 November 2021 can be found [here](#).

One of the most relevant topics for consultation is the suggestion that the special mesothelioma practice direction PD3E be revoked or moved within the CPR. This might peak the interest of those IRLA members on the claims side with asbestos

liabilities. If any members have any comments or responses please contact [Liam Bedford](#) at Kennedys, who is following developments.

