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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 233**

**COUNTY COURTS**  
**PROCEDURE**

**The County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2022**

Made - - - - 20th September 2022

Coming into operation - 3rd October 2022

The County Court Rules Committee makes and the Department of Justice, after consultation with the Lady Chief Justice, allows the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 47 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(1).

**Citation and Commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2022 and shall come into operation on 3rd October 2022.

**Commencement Information**

II Rule 1 in operation at 3.10.2022, see [rule 1](#)

**Amendments to the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981**

2. The County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981(2) are amended as follows—

- (1) In Order 26, rule 3(1) for “£3,000” substitute “£5,000”.
- (2) In Order 55, rule 19—
  - (a) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£3,000” substitute “£5,000”;
  - (b) in paragraph (2) for “£3,000” substitute “£5,000”.
- (3) In Appendix 1, in Form 10A for “£3,000” substitute “£5,000”.

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(1) [S.I. 1980/397 \(N.I. 3\)](#); Article 47 was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) and paragraph 33 of Schedule 17 to, and paragraph 118 of Schedule 18 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976).

(2) [S.R. 1981 No. 225](#), to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by [S.R. 2016 No. 302](#) and [S.R. 2011 No. 100](#).

**Status:** Point in time view as at 03/10/2022.

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2022. (See end of Document for details)

**Commencement Information**

**I2** Rule 2 in operation at 3.10.2022, see [rule 1](#)

**Saving**

**3.** Nothing in these Rules shall affect any proceedings which are pending immediately before these Rules come into operation and the Rules in operation before that date shall continue to apply to those proceedings.

**Commencement Information**

**I3** Rule 3 in operation at 3.10.2022, see [rule 1](#)

*P Smyth HHJ  
S Crawford HHJ  
A Devlin HHJ*

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 47(4) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, I allow these Rules.  
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 29th September 2022



*Naomi R Long*  
Minister of Justice

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules amend the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981 ([S.R. 1981 No. 225](#)) to take account of the increase in the small claims court jurisdiction from £3,000 to £5,000.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 03/10/2022.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2022.