
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART 22

STATEMENTS OF TRUTH

Documents to be verified by a statement of truth

22.1.—(1) The following documents must be verified by a statement of truth—

- (a) a statement of case;
- (b) a response complying with an order under rule 18.1 to provide further information; and
- (c) a witness statement.

(2) Where a statement of case is amended, the amendments must be verified by a statement of truth unless the court orders otherwise.

(Part 17 provides for amendments to statements of case)

(3) If an applicant wishes to rely on matters set out in his application notice as evidence, the application notice must be verified by a statement of truth.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), a statement of truth is a statement that—

- (a) the party putting forward the document; or
- (b) in the case of a witness statement, the maker of the witness statement,

believes the facts stated in the document are true.

(5) If a party is conducting proceedings with a litigation friend, the statement of truth in—

- (a) a statement of case;
- (b) a response; or
- (c) an application notice,

is a statement that the litigation friend believes the facts stated in the document being verified are true.

(6) The statement of truth must be signed by—

- (a) in the case of a statement of case, a response or an application—
 - (i) the party or litigation friend; or
 - (ii) the legal representative on behalf of the party or litigation friend; and
- (b) in the case of a witness statement, the maker of the statement.

(7) A statement of truth which is not contained in the document which it verifies, must clearly identify that document.

(8) A statement of truth in a statement of case may be made by—

- (a) a person who is not a party; or

(b) by two parties jointly,
where this is permitted by a relevant practice direction.