
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

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

Rules 3 to 17 amend Part 11 of the FPR to make provision for the practice and procedure to be followed on an application for a female genital mutilation protection order under Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 ([c.31](#)).

Rules 18 to 23 amend Part 33 of the FPR to make changes to the procedure in respect of an application for a judgment summons. In particular, the amendments alter the provision for the payment or offer of a sum to cover the debtor’s travelling expenses to attend court, to align the provision in the FPR more closely with the provision made in section 110 of the County Courts Act 1984 ([c.28](#)) and in the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 ([S.I. 1998/3132](#)).

Rules 24 and 25 amend rules 34.35 and 34.36 of the FPR to reflect operational changes made by Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunals Service in dealing with cases for the reciprocal enforcement of maintenance orders. These changes mean that the administration of such cases will be dealt with at particular locations of the family court in England and Wales, known as Maintenance Enforcement Business Centres.

Rule 26 makes transitional provision.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument because no, or minimal, impact is anticipated to result from its provisions.