

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**1998 No. 3132**

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

[<sup>F1</sup>PART 6

SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

*[<sup>F1</sup>1 SCOPE OF THIS PART AND INTERPRETATION*

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Pt. 6 substituted (1.10.2008) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2178\)](#), rule 1(2), [Sch. 1](#)

**Part 6 rules about service apply generally**

- 6.1.** This Part applies to the service of documents, except where—
- (a) another Part, any other enactment or a practice direction makes different provision; or
  - (b) the court orders otherwise.

(Other Parts, for example, Part 54 (Judicial Review) and Part 55 (Possession Claims) contain specific provisions about service.)

**Interpretation**

- 6.2.** In this Part—
- (a) “bank holiday” means a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in the part of the United Kingdom where service is to take place;
  - (b) “business day” means any day except Saturday, Sunday, a bank holiday, Good Friday or Christmas Day;
  - (c) “claim” includes petition and any application made before action or to commence proceedings and “claim form”, “claimant” and “defendant” are to be construed accordingly; <sup>F2</sup>...
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(d) “solicitor” includes any other person who, for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, is an authorised person in relation to an activity which constitutes the conduct of litigation (within the meaning of that Act)[<sup>F4</sup>; and]]
  - <sup>F5</sup>(e) .....]

**Textual Amendments**

- F2** Word in [rule 6.2\(c\)](#) revoked (6.4.2011) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2011 \(S.I. 2011/88\)](#), rules 1, [4\(b\)\(i\)](#)

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Cross Heading: 1 SCOPE OF THIS PART AND INTERPRETATION. (See end of Document for details)

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- F3** Rule 6.2(d) substituted (1.2.2010) by The Civil Procedure (Amendment No.2) Rules 2009 (S.I. 2009/3390), rules 1(3), **5(a)**
- F4** Word in rule 6.2(d) substituted for full stop (6.4.2011) by The Civil Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2011 (S.I. 2011/88), rules 1, **4(b)(ii)**
- F5** Rule 6.2(e) and words omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/521), regs. 1(1), **4(3)** (with reg. 18) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1493, regs. 1(1), 9(2)(b)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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