

PRACTICE NOTE

**COURT OF APPEAL, CIVIL DIVISION
LISTING WINDOWS AND HEAR-BY DATES**

1. The hear-by dates for different classes of appeal were last revised and published in the Court of Appeal's consolidated Practice Direction [1999] 1 WLR 1027 which has since been superseded by CPR Part 52 and its supplemental Practice Direction. In my review of the legal year 1999/2000 I announced that the hear-by dates for certain appeals, which had previously stood at 15 months would, from November 2000, be reduced to 12 months. The table below sets out further reductions in hear-by dates reflecting the very substantial progress made by the Court in improving the service it offers litigants. The longest hear-by date will now be 10 months and most considerably less. These dates will apply to all appeals filed on or after 1st October 2001.
2. In the exercise of its case management responsibilities the Court will strive to ensure that appeals are generally heard within their listing windows, many of which have now been enlarged. Applications for an expedited hearing will continue to be determined by a single Lord Justice or the Master in accordance with the principles set out in Unilever PLC v Chefaro Proprietaries Ltd (Practice Note) [1995] 1 WLR 243. Applications for permission for a hearing date to be fixed beyond a hear-by date will likewise be determined by a single Lord Justice or the Master, but will be granted only for the most compelling reasons.

TYPE OF APPEAL		Listing Window		
		PTA Shadow Target Date	Start Window for Appeal	Hear-By Date, End Window for Appeal
Family	Child cases	4 weeks	3 mths	4 mths
	Financial and other	6 weeks	5 mths	9 mths
Administrative Court Cases	Immigration Appeals, Interlocutory and Education appeals	8 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
	Other Administrative Court final orders	8 weeks	5 mths	8 mths
High Court	CPR, Part 24	6 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
	Other interlocutory orders	8 weeks	4 mths	8 mths
	Bankruptcy and Directors' Disqualification cases	8 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
	Preliminary issues	6 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
	Final orders	8 weeks	5 mths	9 mths
	Possession	6 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
County Court	Interlocutory orders	6 weeks	4 mths	8 mths
	Possession	8 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
	Preliminary issues	6 weeks	4 mths	6 mths
	Final orders	8 weeks	5 mths	9 mths
Tribunals	Other than Immigration & Social Security appeals	8 weeks	5 mths	9 mths
	Social Security Appeals	8 weeks	5 mths	9 mths
	Immigration Appeals	8 weeks	4 mths	6mths