

Table of Amendments to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract 26 October 2026

Changes coming into effect to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules

The tables below sets out changes that have been made to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules to support the implementation of the Statutory Instrument, which aligns the legal aid framework for State Threats Prevention and Investigation Measures (STPIMs) with the existing framework for Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs).

These amendments have been consulted on and came into effect on 21 July 2026.

2024 Standard Civil Contract: Specification: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
8.1 (Definitions)	New definition added.	<i>“State Threats Prevention and Investigation Measures Orders” means an order imposed on an individual as set out under section 39(1) of the National Security Act 2023;</i>
8.8 (Contract Work covered by this Specification)	For the purposes of Controlled Work, a Matter should proceed and be reported as an “Immigration Matter” where it relates to civil legal services in respect of the rights mentioned in: (a) paragraph 25 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: detention”); (b) paragraph 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail: persons liable to examination or removal”); (c) paragraph 27 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail (deportation)”); (d) paragraph 27A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions imposed under other provisions”); (e) paragraph 28 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic abuse, leave to enter and indefinite leave to remain”); (f) paragraph 29 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic abuse and residence cards”); (g) paragraph 31B of Part 1 Schedule 1 to the Act (“Appeals relating to age assessments under the Nationality and Borders Act 2022”); (h) paragraph 32 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Victims of trafficking in human beings”) insofar as civil legal services relate to an application by the individual for leave to enter, or to remain in, the United Kingdom;	For the purposes of Controlled Work, a Matter should proceed and be reported as an “Immigration Matter” where it relates to civil legal services in respect of the rights mentioned in: (a) paragraph 25 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: detention”); (b) paragraph 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail: persons liable to examination or removal”); (c) paragraph 27 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail (deportation)”); (d) paragraph 27A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions imposed under other provisions”); (e) paragraph 28 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic abuse, leave to enter and indefinite leave to remain”); (f) paragraph 29 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic abuse and residence cards”); (g) paragraph 31B of Part 1 Schedule 1 to the Act (“Appeals relating to age assessments under the Nationality and Borders Act 2022”); (h) paragraph 32 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Victims of trafficking in human beings”) insofar as civil legal services relate

	<p>(i) paragraph 24 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Special Immigration Appeals Commission”) where it relates to an immigration issue;</p> <p>(j) paragraph 45 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Terrorism prevention and investigation measures etc”);</p> <p>(k) paragraph 32A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Victims of slavery, servitude or forced or compulsory labour”) in so far as civil legal services relate to an application by the individual for leave to enter, or to remain in, the United Kingdom; or</p> <p>(l) paragraph 1A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act “Add-on services in relation to referral into the national referral mechanism”.</p>	<p>to an application by the individual for leave to enter, or to remain in, the United Kingdom;</p> <p>(i) paragraph 24 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Special Immigration Appeals Commission”) where it relates to an immigration issue;</p> <p>(j) paragraph 45 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Terrorism prevention and investigation measures etc”);</p> <p>(k) paragraph 32A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Victims of slavery, servitude or forced or compulsory labour”) in so far as civil legal services relate to an application by the individual for leave to enter, or to remain in, the United Kingdom; or</p> <p>(l) paragraph 1A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act “Add-on services in relation to referral into the national referral mechanism”;</p> <p><i>(m) paragraph 45B (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Foreign power threat activity prevention and investigation measures”).</i></p>
8.101 (Matters paid by Hourly Rates)	<p>Immigration and Asylum Controlled Work contained in the following list is remunerated through Hourly Rates:</p> <p>(a) Asylum Matters opened under this Contract which relate to an Asylum application (including ‘NAM’ or ‘Legacy’), made to the UKBA prior to the 1 October 2007;</p> <p>(b) a fresh claim/further application for Asylum opened under this Contract where the original Asylum application was lodged whether concluded or not, prior to 1 October 2007;</p> <p>(c) advice in relation to the merits of lodging an application for permission to appeal to the Upper Tribunal (where advice has not been received under Stage 2 of the Standard Fee);</p> <p>(d) Bail applications;</p> <p>(e) advice and applying for a determination that a Client qualifies for civil legal services provided as Licensed Work, including complying with any pre-action protocol;</p> <p>(f) initial advice in relation to an Asylum application prior to claiming Asylum at the Asylum Intake Unit where you then cease to be instructed. This will also apply where the Client returns after attendance at the Asylum Intake Unit but where it is confirmed that the Client will be dispersed and will not continue to instruct you;</p>	<p>Immigration and Asylum Controlled Work contained in the following list is remunerated through Hourly Rates:</p> <p>(a) Asylum Matters opened under this Contract which relate to an Asylum application (including ‘NAM’ or ‘Legacy’), made to the UKBA prior to the 1 October 2007;</p> <p>(b) a fresh claim/further application for Asylum opened under this Contract where the original Asylum application was lodged whether concluded or not, prior to 1 October 2007;</p> <p>(c) advice in relation to the merits of lodging an application for permission to appeal to the Upper Tribunal (where advice has not been received under Stage 2 of the Standard Fee);</p> <p>(d) Bail applications;</p> <p>(e) advice and applying for a determination that a Client qualifies for civil legal services provided as Licensed Work, including complying with any pre-action protocol;</p> <p>(f) initial advice in relation to an Asylum application prior to claiming Asylum at the Asylum Intake Unit where you then cease to be instructed. This will also apply where the Client returns after attendance at the Asylum Intake Unit but where it is confirmed</p>

	<p>(g) Escape Fee Cases under the Standard Fee;</p> <p>(h) advice in relation to a Client who is an UASC;</p> <p>(i) cases remitted, reviewed or referred from the Court of Appeal or the Upper Tribunal to the First Tier Tribunal;</p> <p>(j) where you hold a Schedule Authorisation any Matters opened under the Detained Duty Advice Scheme or for a DAC Scheme Client;</p> <p>(k) advice in relation to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Orders;</p> <p>(l) applying for a determination that an individual qualifies for civil legal services provided as Licensed Work in relation to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Orders;</p> <p>(m) applying for a determination that an individual qualifies for civil legal services provided as Licensed Work in relation to the Special Immigration Appeals Commission;</p> <p>(n) immigration advice in relation to a Client who is a Separated Child;</p> <p>(o) CLR (excluding Online Procedure Advocacy Services) where:</p> <p>(i) CLR was granted on or before 6 October 2020 and you have not elected to claim a Stage 2(c) Standard Fee; or</p> <p>(ii) CLR was granted between 7 October 2020 and 31 March 2023;</p> <p>(p) where you provide 30 minutes advice to a Client at a prison without reference to the Client's financial eligibility pursuant to Paragraph 8.186;</p> <p>(q) advice on an application to rebut Group 2 Refugee status pursuant to Paragraph 8.26;</p> <p>(r) advice in relation to Age Assessment Appeals;</p> <p>(s) up to 7 hours advice to a Client in receipt of a PRN;</p> <p>(t) any follow-on work that is conducted for a Client after receiving advice in relation to Paragraph 8.101(s); and</p> <p>(u) Illegal Migration Act Matters.</p>	<p>that the Client will be dispersed and will not continue to instruct you;</p> <p>(g) Escape Fee Cases under the Standard Fee;</p> <p>(h) advice in relation to a Client who is an UASC;</p> <p>(i) cases remitted, reviewed or referred from the Court of Appeal or the Upper Tribunal to the First Tier Tribunal;</p> <p>(j) where you hold a Schedule Authorisation any Matters opened under the Detained Duty Advice Scheme or for a DAC Scheme Client;</p> <p>(k) advice in relation to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Orders;</p> <p>(l) applying for a determination that an individual qualifies for civil legal services provided as Licensed Work in relation to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Orders;</p> <p>(m) applying for a determination that an individual qualifies for civil legal services provided as Licensed Work in relation to the Special Immigration Appeals Commission;</p> <p>(n) immigration advice in relation to a Client who is a Separated Child;</p> <p>(o) CLR (excluding Online Procedure Advocacy Services) where:</p> <p>(i) CLR was granted on or before 6 October 2020 and you have not elected to claim a Stage 2(c) Standard Fee; or</p> <p>(ii) CLR was granted between 7 October 2020 and 31 March 2023;</p> <p>(p) where you provide 30 minutes advice to a Client at a prison without reference to the Client's financial eligibility pursuant to Paragraph 8.186; (q) advice on an application to rebut Group 2 Refugee status pursuant to Paragraph 8.26;</p> <p>(r) advice in relation to Age Assessment Appeals;</p> <p>(s) up to 7 hours advice to a Client in receipt of a PRN;</p> <p>(t) any follow-on work that is conducted for a Client after receiving advice in relation to Paragraph 8.101(s); and</p> <p>(u) Illegal Migration Act Matters; and</p> <p>(v) advice in relation to State Threats Prevention and Investigation Measures Orders.</p>
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Changes coming into effect to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules

The table below sets out changes that have been made to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules. These amendments have been consulted on and will come into effect on 22nd December 2025.

2024 Standard Civil Contract: Specification: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
8.106 (Legal Help Cost Limits)	<p>Unless we notify you otherwise in writing, the following Legal Help Cost Limits are the maximum amount of costs that we will pay for at the Legal Help stage of a Matter (excluding VAT):</p> <p>(a) £100 inclusive of disbursements where:</p> <p>(i) You provide initial advice in relation to an Asylum application prior to making their application for asylum and then you cease to be instructed; or</p> <p>(ii) You provide initial advice in relation to an Asylum application and the Client decides not to make an application or does not provide you with any further instructions in relation to the Matter; or</p> <p>(iii) You provide advice in relation to the merits of an appeal to the Upper Tribunal;</p> <p>(b) £500 in Immigration Matters;</p> <p>(c) £800 in Asylum Matters, (where the Matter progresses beyond initial advice); and</p> <p>(d) £3000 in Illegal Migration Act Matters.</p>	<p>Amended text</p> <p>Unless we notify you otherwise in writing, the following Legal Help Cost Limits are the maximum amount of costs that we will pay for at the Legal Help stage of a Matter (excluding VAT):</p> <p>(a) £100 £150 inclusive of disbursements where:</p> <p>(i) You provide initial advice in relation to an Asylum application prior to making their application for asylum and then you cease to be instructed; or</p> <p>(ii) You provide initial advice in relation to an Asylum application and the Client decides not to make an application or does not provide you with any further instructions in relation to the Matter; or</p> <p>(iii) You provide advice in relation to the merits of an appeal to the Upper Tribunal;</p> <p>(b) £500 £700 in Immigration Matters;</p> <p>(c) £800 £1100 in Asylum Matters, (where the Matter progresses beyond initial advice); and</p> <p>(d) £3000 in Illegal Migration Act Matters.</p>

8.107 (Legal Help Cost Limits)	In relation to Bail applications in asylum work undertaken under Legal Help (including an application to the Secretary of State if there is no substantive appeal linked to the Bail work, the £500 Immigration limit will apply.	In relation to Bail applications in asylum work undertaken under Legal Help (including an application to the Secretary of State if there is no substantive appeal linked to the Bail work, the Legal Help Costs Limit at Paragraph 8.106(b) £500 Immigration cost limit will apply.
8.112 (CLR Cost Limits)	<p>Unless we notify you otherwise in writing, the following CLR Cost Limits are the maximum amount of costs (including disbursements) that we will pay for at the CLR stage of a Matter (excluding VAT):</p> <p>(a) £500 in relation to Bail only Matters;</p> <p>(b) £1200 in Immigration Matters; and</p> <p>(c) £1600 in Asylum Matters, and In relation to work done under Paragraph 8.101(o) the Cost Limits will not include Online Procedure Advocacy Services.</p>	<p>Amended text</p> <p>Unless we notify you otherwise in writing, the following CLR Cost Limits are the maximum amount of costs (including disbursements) that we will pay for at the CLR stage of a Matter (excluding VAT):</p> <p>(a) £500 in relation to Bail only Matters where the matter was opened on or after 22 December 2025 or £700 where the matter was opened on or earlier than 21 December 2025;</p> <p>(b) £1200 £1700 in Immigration Matters where the matter was opened after 22 December 2025 or £1200 where the matter was opened on or earlier than 21 December 2025; and</p> <p>(c) £1600 £2200 in Asylum Matters where the matter was opened on or after 22 December 2025 or £1600 where the matter was opened on or earlier than 21 December 2025,</p> <p>and in relation to work done under Paragraph 8.101(o) the Cost Limits will not include Online Procedure Advocacy Services.</p>
8.115 (CLR Cost Limits)	Unless we notify you otherwise in writing, you may Claim additional costs (including counsel fees/disbursements) of up to £100 exclusive of VAT to consider the merits of an appeal to the Upper Tribunal. This sum is in addition to the CLR Upper Financial Limit and is not extendable.	<p>Amended text</p> <p>Unless we notify you otherwise in writing, you may Claim additional costs (including counsel fees/disbursements) of up to £15000 exclusive of VAT to consider the merits of an appeal to the Upper Tribunal where the matter was opened on or after 22 December 2025 or £100 where the matter was opened on or earlier than 21 December 2025. This sum is in addition to the CLR Upper Financial Limit and is not extendable.</p>

8.130 (Cost Limits increase under the Self-Grant Scheme)	If you have joined the Self-Grant Scheme and require an increase in Cost Limits in order to progress a Matter paid in Hourly Rates you may increase Cost Limits up to a maximum of £3,000.00 for a Matter Start by completing a Self-Grant Scheme Form and retaining a copy on the Client file.	<p>Amended text</p> <p>If you have joined the Self-Grant Scheme and require an increase in Cost Limits in order to progress a Matter paid in Hourly Rates you may increase Cost Limits up to a maximum of:</p> <p>(a) £4200 for Matters opened on or after 22 December 2025; or</p> <p>(b) £3,000 for a Matter Start opened on or earlier than 21 December 2025,</p> <p>by completing a Self-Grant Scheme Form and retaining a copy on the Client file.</p>
8.132 (Cost Limits increase under the Self-Grant Scheme)	The provisions in Paragraphs 8.130 and 8.131 relate to both Legal Help and Controlled Legal Representation Matters paid in Hourly Rates and the £3,000.00 refers to the overall Matter Start and not to each stage of a Matter.	<p>Amended Text</p> <p>The provisions in Paragraphs 8.130 and 8.131 relate to both Legal Help and Controlled Legal Representation Matters. paid in Hourly Rates and the £3,000.00 cost limit refers to the overall Matter Start and not to each stage of a Matter. You may increase Cost Limits up to the maximum set out in para 8.130 for Legal Help, and separately for Controlled Legal Representation Matters. The limit applies to each individual Matter.</p>
8.133 (Cost Limits increase under the Self-Grant Scheme)	Where you are required to undertake work in respect of Bail as part of the Client's existing asylum application or appeal Matter Start under the Self-Grant Scheme you may incur an additional amount of £500 beyond the £3,000.00 cost limit of paragraph 8.132.	<p>Amended text</p> <p>Where you are required to undertake work in respect of Bail as part of the Client's existing asylum application or appeal Matter Start under the Self-Grant Scheme you may incur an additional amount of £700-£500 beyond the £3,000.00 cost limit of Paragraph 8.1302 where the matter was opened on or after the 22 December 2025 or £500 where the matter was opened on or earlier than 21 December 2025.</p>
8.134 (Cost Limits increase under the Self-Grant Scheme)	The disbursements incurred are classed as separate to costs and are not included in the £3,000 cost limits under the Self-Grant Scheme.	<p>Amended text</p> <p>The disbursements incurred are classed as separate to costs and are not included in the £3,000 cost limits under the Self-Grant Scheme.</p>

Changes coming into effect to 2024 Standard Civil Contract documents

The tables below set out amendments that have been made to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: Specification (General Provisions 1-6); the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules (Section 8); the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: Mediation Category Specific Rules (Section 18); the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPO Pilot Scheme Specification (Section 19); and the 2024 Category Definitions document. These amendments have been made to the relevant contract documents to support the introduction of *The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025* April 2025, and have been consulted on. The amendments will come into effect on 21st May 2025.

2024 Standard Civil Contract: Specification (General Provisions 1-6)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
2.50 (Interpreters and Translators)	<p>Where exceptional circumstances exist which mean either that it is not appropriate or reasonably possible for you to comply with the requirements set out at Paragraphs 2.48 to 2.49 above, you may instruct such alternative interpreter as you deem appropriate (a “nonqualified interpreter”). The exceptional circumstances referred to in this Paragraph 2.50 may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) where it would cause undue delay and/or increased costs (above the prescribed rates); (b) where the client requests an interpreter of a specific gender and such request cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter (e.g. where the client has been a victim of domestic violence); (c) where there is a rare language or dialect which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter; (d) where there is an emergency requirement which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter; 	<p>Where exceptional circumstances exist which mean either that it is not appropriate or reasonably possible for you to comply with the requirements set out at Paragraphs 2.48 to 2.49 above, you may instruct such alternative interpreter as you deem appropriate (a “non-qualified interpreter”). The exceptional circumstances referred to in this Paragraph 2.50 may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) where it would cause undue delay and/or increased costs (above the prescribed rates); (b) where the client requests an interpreter of a specific gender and such request cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter (e.g. where the client has been a victim of domestic violence abuse); (c) where there is a rare language or dialect which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter;

	(e) where you have contacted three interpreters who meet the qualification requirements specified in Paragraph 2.48 above and none are willing or available as required.	(d) where there is an emergency requirement which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter; (e) where you have contacted three interpreters who meet the qualification requirements specified in Paragraph 2.48 above and none are willing or available as required.
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2024 Standard Civil Contract: Immigration and Asylum Category Specific Rules (Section 8)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
8.8 (Contract Work covered by this Specification)	<p>For the purposes of Controlled Work, a Matter should proceed and be reported as an “Immigration Matter” where it relates to civil legal services in respect of the rights mentioned in:</p> <p>(a) paragraph 25 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: detention”);</p> <p>(b) paragraph 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail: persons liable to examination or removal”);</p> <p>(c) paragraph 27 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail (deportation)”);</p> <p>(d) paragraph 27A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions imposed under other provisions”);</p> <p>(e) paragraph 28 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic violence and indefinite leave to remain”);</p> <p>(f) paragraph 29 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic violence and residence cards”);</p>	<p>For the purposes of Controlled Work, a Matter should proceed and be reported as an “Immigration Matter” where it relates to civil legal services in respect of the rights mentioned in:</p> <p>(a) paragraph 25 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: detention”);</p> <p>(b) paragraph 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail: persons liable to examination or removal”);</p> <p>(c) paragraph 27 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions of immigration bail (deportation)”);</p> <p>(d) paragraph 27A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: conditions imposed under other provisions”);</p> <p>(e) paragraph 28 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic violence abuse leave to enter and indefinite leave to remain”);</p> <p>(f) paragraph 29 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (“Immigration: victims of domestic violence abuse and residence cards”);</p>

2024 Standard Civil Contract: Family Mediation Category Specific Rules (Section 18)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
18.73 (Interpreters and Translators)	<p>Where exceptional circumstances exist which mean either that it is not appropriate or reasonably possible for you to comply with the requirements set out at Paragraphs 18.70 to 18.72 above, you may instruct such alternative interpreter as you deem appropriate (a “non-qualified interpreter”). The exceptional circumstances referred to in this Paragraph 18.73 may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <p>(a) where it would cause undue delay and/or increased costs (above the prescribed rates);</p> <p>(b) where the Client requests an interpreter of a specific gender and such request cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter (e.g. where the Client has been a victim of domestic violence);</p> <p>(c) where there is a rare language or dialect which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter;</p> <p>(d) where there is an emergency requirement which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter;</p> <p>(e) where you have contacted three interpreters who meet the qualification requirements specified in Paragraph 18.71 above and none are willing or available as required.</p>	<p>Where exceptional circumstances exist which mean either that it is not appropriate or reasonably possible for you to comply with the requirements set out at Paragraphs 18.70 to 18.72 above, you may instruct such alternative interpreter as you deem appropriate (a “non-qualified interpreter”). The exceptional circumstances referred to in this Paragraph 18.73 may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <p>(a) where it would cause undue delay and/or increased costs (above the prescribed rates);</p> <p>(b) where the Client requests an interpreter of a specific gender and such request cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter (e.g. where the Client has been a victim of domestic violence abuse);</p> <p>(c) where there is a rare language or dialect which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter; (d) where there is an emergency requirement which cannot reasonably be accommodated otherwise than by the use of a non-qualified interpreter;</p> <p>(e) where you have contacted three interpreters who meet the qualification requirements specified in Paragraph 18.71 above and none are willing or available as required.</p>
18.91 (Commencing MIAMs)	<p>Before beginning Mediation, you must determine whether Mediation is suitable to the dispute. Only if it is, may you begin the Mediation. Part of determining whether Mediation is suitable to the dispute may involve contacting the other party to first find out whether they would be prepared to attend a MIAM and consider</p>	<p>Before beginning Mediation, you must determine whether Mediation is suitable to the dispute. Only if it is, may you begin the Mediation. Part of determining whether Mediation is suitable to the dispute may involve contacting the other party to first find out whether they would be</p>

	Mediation. The assessment of suitability must take account of all the circumstances of the Client(s) and the dispute including whether there is evidence of any imbalance of power between the parties, domestic violence or abuse.	prepared to attend a MIAM and consider Mediation. The assessment of suitability must take account of all the circumstances of the Client(s) and the dispute including whether there is evidence of any imbalance of power between the parties, domestic violence or abuse.
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2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPO Pilot Scheme Specification (Section 19)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
19.1 (Section 19 DAPO Pilot Scheme)	<p>You may provide Contract Work under the DAPO Pilot Scheme if you have a Schedule Authorisation to provide services under the Contract in any Category of Law or if you are a Crime Provider. Unless otherwise stated, in Paragraphs 19.1 to 19.18:</p> <p>(a) “Civil Provider” means for the purpose of this Section 19 any Provider who has a Schedule Authorisation under this Contract to provide civil legal aid services in any Category of Law;</p> <p>(b) “Crime Provider” means any Provider who holds a contract with us for the provision of criminal legal aid services;</p> <p>(c) “DAPN” means Domestic Abuse Protection Notice(s) as defined in section 22(2) of Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021;</p> <p>(d) “DAPO” means Domestic Abuse Protection Order(s) as defined in section 27 of Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021;</p> <p>e) “DAPO Pilot Scheme” means the pilot scheme for the provision of Services as described in paragraphs 19.3 to 19.18;</p> <p>(f) “Orders” means The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023 and The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024; (g) “P” means the person against whom an application for a DAPO has been made under section 28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 or the possibility against them has arisen in the course of certain proceedings under section 31 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; and</p>	<p>You may provide Contract Work under the DAPO Pilot Scheme if you have a Schedule Authorisation to provide services under the Contract in any Category of Law or if you are a Crime Provider. Unless otherwise stated, in Paragraphs 19.1 to 19.1821:</p> <p>(a) “Civil Provider” means for the purpose of this Section 19 any Provider who has a Schedule Authorisation under this Contract to provide civil legal aid services in any Category of Law;</p> <p>(b) “Crime Provider” means any Provider who holds a contract with us for the provision of criminal legal aid services;</p> <p>(c) “DAPN” means Domestic Abuse Protection Notice(s) as defined in section 22(2) of Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021;</p> <p>(d) “DAPO” means Domestic Abuse Protection Order(s) as defined in section 27 of Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021;</p> <p>e) “DAPO Pilot Scheme” means the pilot scheme for the provision of Services as described in paragraphs 19.3 to 19.1821;</p> <p>(f) “Orders” means The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023,</p>

	(h) "Services" means services you may provide as part of the DAPO Pilot Scheme as described in paragraphs 19.8 to 19.18;	and The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024 and The Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 ; (g) "P" means the person against whom an application for a DAPO has been made under section 28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 or the possibility against them has arisen in the course of certain proceedings under section 31 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; and (h) "Services" means services you may provide as part of the DAPO Pilot Scheme as described in paragraphs 19.8 to 19. 18 21 ;
19.4 (Services under the DAPO Scheme)	<i>Subject to Paragraph 19.6, Services undertaken under the DAPO Pilot Scheme Specification will fall under Miscellaneous Work. The specific Forms of Civil Legal Services that may be provided to different Clients and November 2024 the rates applicable to Miscellaneous Work are set out in Tables A to F in Paragraphs 19.8 to 19.18.</i>	Subject to Paragraph 19.6, Services undertaken under the DAPO Pilot Scheme Specification will fall under Miscellaneous Work. The specific Forms of Civil Legal Services that may be provided to different Clients and November 2024 the rates applicable to Miscellaneous Work are set out in Tables A to F-G in Paragraphs 19.8 to 19. 18 21 .
Between 19.7 and 19.8	DAPO Services in the magistrates' court and Payment	DAPO Services available to P where the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrates' court and Payment
19.9 (Table A- Services available to P where the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrates' court)	Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.9 for suggested changes required to this table.	

19.10 1 (Table A- Services available to P where the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrates' court)	19.10 For the avoidance of doubt, in cases where a criminal court has issued a DAPO of its own motion or further to an application to vary or discharge such a DAPO, no civil legal aid services will be available to P. In these cases, criminal legal aid will be available to P and may only be provided by Crime Providers. Any appeals made regarding a DAPO in the context of the provision of criminal legal services to P will not be covered by this Specification and will fall under the criminal legal aid services provided by the Crime Providers. The person for whose protection the DAPO is issued (or varied/discharged on an application) will be in scope of civil legal aid.	19.10¹ For the avoidance of doubt, in cases where a criminal court has issued a DAPO of its own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) or further to an application to vary or discharge such a DAPO, no civil legal aid services will be available to P. In these cases, criminal legal aid will be available to P and may only be provided by Crime Providers. Any appeals made regarding a DAPO in the context of the provision of criminal legal services to P will not be covered by this Specification and will fall under the criminal legal aid services provided by the Crime Providers. The person for whose protection the DAPO is issued (or varied/discharged on an application) will be in scope of civil legal aid.
Between paragraphs 19.10 and 19.11	New Heading	DAPO Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) where the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrate's court
19.10 (DAPO Services available to P where a criminal court issues a DAPO of its own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021)	New paragraph	In cases where the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrates' court, you may provide the Services set out in Table B to a person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable), provided that the applicable merits and means criteria are fulfilled.
19.12 (Table B- Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) where	Table B- Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) in the magistrate's court	Table B- Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) where the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrate's court
	Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.12 for suggested changes required to this table.	

the police under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 apply for a DAPO in the magistrate's court)		
Between paragraphs 19.12 and 19.13	New Heading	DAPO Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) where a criminal court issues a DAPO of its own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and Payment
19.13 (DAPO Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) where a criminal court issues a DAPO of its own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021)	New paragraph	In cases where a criminal court issues a DAPO of its own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, you may provide the Services to a person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) set out in Table C, provided that the applicable merits and means criteria are fulfilled.
19.14 (DAPO Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) where a criminal court issues a DAPO of its	New Heading and table. Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.14 for further detail.	Table C - Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) where a criminal court issued a DAPO of its own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

own motion under s.31(3), (5) or (6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021)		
19.12 15 (DAPO Services in the Family Court and Payment)	<p>In the cases where:</p> <p>(a) the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) applies for a DAPO in a Family Court; or</p> <p>(b) the Family Court issues the DAPO of its own motion within ongoing family proceedings; or</p> <p>(c) an application is made to vary or discharge a DAPO in the Family Court and appeal of these decisions; or</p> <p>(d) an appeal is made to a decision made by the Family Court regarding DAPO,</p> <p>you may provide the Services set out in Tables C and D, provided that the applicable merits and means criteria are fulfilled.</p>	<p>In the cases where:</p> <p>(a) the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) applies for a DAPO in a Family Court under s.28 of the DA Act 2021; or</p> <p>(b) the Family Court issues the DAPO of its own motion within ongoing family proceedings under s.31(2) of the DA Act 2021; or</p> <p>(c) an application is made under s.40 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; or</p> <p>(b) where contempt of court proceedings in relation to a DAPO take place (unless your Client is P);</p> <p>(ee) the proceedings relating an application is made to a variation or discharge of a DAPO by in the Family Court under both s.44(2)(a) and s.44(2)(b) of the DA Act 2021) and appeal of these decisions under s.46(5) of the DA Act 2021; or</p> <p>(ef) an appeal is made to a decision made by the Family Court regarding DAPO under s.46(1) and 46(5) of the DA Act 2021),</p>

		you may provide the Services set out in Tables CD and DE , provided that the applicable merits and means criteria are fulfilled.
19.1 36 (DAPOs in the Family Court and Payment)	Where Legal Representation (Licensed Work) is provided to P or to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf) in the Family Court for the application for DAPO and/or variation or discharge of a DAPO, the Escape Fee threshold will be met if remuneration, calculated on an Hourly-Rate basis, would be at least three times the amount payable by way of a Standard Fee. Where this threshold is met payment will be made solely by way of Hourly Rates according to Tables C and D below.	“Where Legal Representation (Licensed Work) is provided to P or to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) in the Family Court for the application for DAPO and/or variation or discharge of a DAPO, the Escape Fee threshold will be met if remuneration, calculated on an Hourly-Rate basis, would be at least three times the amount payable by way of a Standard Fee. Where this threshold is met payment will be made solely by way of Hourly Rates according to Tables CD and DE below.
19.1 47 (Table CD -Services available to P in the Family Court)	Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.17 for suggested changes required to this table.	
19.1 58 (Table DE -Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) in the Family Court)	Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.18 for suggested changes required to this table.	
19.1 69 (DAPO Services in the County Court and High Court and Payment)	<p>In the cases where:</p> <p>(a) the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought applies for a DAPO in County Court or High Court; or</p> <p>(b) the County Court or High Court issues the DAPO of its own motion within ongoing civil or family proceedings respectively; or</p>	<p>In the cases where:</p> <p>(a) the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought (or an individual on their behalf where applicable) applies for a DAPO in County Court or High Court under s.28 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; or</p>

	<p>(c) an application is made to vary or discharge a DAPO in the County Court or High Court, including appeals of these decisions; or</p> <p>(d) an appeal is made to a decision of the County Court or High Court regarding DAPO, you may provide the Services set out in Tables E and F, provided that the applicable merits and means criteria are fulfilled.</p>	<p>(b) the County Court or High Court issues the DAPO of its own motion within ongoing civil or family proceedings respectively under s.31 (2) or (7) of the DA Act 2021; or</p> <p>(c) an application is made under s.40 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; or</p> <p>(d) where contempt of court proceedings in relation to a DAPO take place (unless your Client is P);</p> <p>(ed) the proceedings relating an application is made to a variation-or discharge a DAPO by the County Court or High Court under both s.44(2)(a) and s.44(2)(b) of the DA Act 2021, including appeals of these decisions (under s.46(5) of the DA Act 2021); or</p> <p>(dfe) an appeal is made to a decision of the County Court or High Court regarding a DAPO under s.46(1)) and s.46(5) of the DA Act 2021,</p> <p>you may provide the Services set out in Tables FE and GF, provided that the applicable merits and means criteria are fulfilled.</p>
19. 17 20 (Table EF - Services available to P in the County Court or High Court)	Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.20 for suggested changes required to this table.	
19. 18 21 (Table FG - Services available to the person for whose protection the DAPO is sought)	Please see Annex A: Amendments made to tables A-G of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract: DAPOs Pilot Scheme Specification (May 2025), paragraph 19.21 for suggested changes required to this table.	

(or an individual on their behalf) in the County Court or High Court)	
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2024 Category Definitions		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
10.5	Where a Supervisor has not conducted a mortgage arrears possession cases in the past 12 months they must demonstrate how they have maintained their knowledge of mortgage possession cases.	Where a Supervisor has not conducted a mortgage arrears possession cases in the past 12 months they must demonstrate how they have maintained their knowledge of mortgage possession cases.

Changes coming into effect to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification: Housing and Debt Category Specific Rules

The table below sets out changes that have been made to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification: Housing and Debt Category Specific Rules. These amendments have been consulted on and will come into effect on Monday 27th January 2025.

2024 Standard Civil Contract: Housing and Debt Specification (Section 10)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
10.5	Where a Supervisor has not conducted a mortgage arrears possession cases in the past 12 months they must demonstrate how they have maintained their knowledge of mortgage possession cases.	Where a Supervisor has not conducted a mortgage arrears possession cases in the past 12 months they must demonstrate how they have maintained their knowledge of mortgage possession cases.
10.6	Where a Supervisor has not conducted a representation in a disrepair case in the past 12 months they must demonstrate how they have maintained their knowledge of housing disrepair litigation.	Where a Supervisor has not conducted a representation in a disrepair case in the past 12 months they must demonstrate how they have maintained their knowledge of housing disrepair litigation.

10.12	Legal Help given in relation to homelessness must be provided on a specific legal issue or issues and should cover practical matters such as identifying accommodation agencies or making a referral to them.	Legal Help given in relation to homelessness must be provided on a specific legal issue or issues and should not cover practical matters such as identifying accommodation agencies or making a referral to them.
10.18	<i>“Session”</i> means a period in which the relevant court is in session hearing possession cases.	<i>“Session”</i> means a period in which the relevant court room is in session hearing possession cases.
10.39	<p>You may open an Early Legal Advice Matter where a potential Client seeks advice in relation to those matters described in Paragraph 10.34 and provides written evidence of risk of possession proceedings and loss of their home which may include:</p> <p>(a) letter or notice from a landlord (which may include a family member) where an informal licence exists;</p> <p>(b) notice to quit from a landlord where a renting arrangement lacks security of tenure;</p> <p>(c) letter before action as required by the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Protocol For Possession Claims by Social Landlords or the PreAction Protocol For Possession Claims based on Home Purchase Plan Arrears in Respect of Residential Property;</p> <p>(d) notice seeking possession served by a landlord under section 83, 83Z or 107D of the Housing Act 1985 or sections 8 or 21 of the Housing Act 1988;</p> <p>(e) notice seeking possession served by a landlord under section 128 of the Housing Act 1996; or</p> <p>(f) letter from the court notifying the Client that possession proceedings have been issued.</p>	<p>You may open an Early Legal Advice Matter where a potential Client seeks advice in relation to those matters described in Paragraph 10.34 and provides written evidence of risk of possession proceedings; and loss of their home or illegal eviction which may include:</p> <p>(a) Letter or notice to quit from a landlord (which may include a family member) where an informal licence exists or a renting arrangement lacks security of tenure;</p> <p>(b) notice to quit from a landlord where a renting arrangement lacks security of tenure;</p> <p>(c) letter before action as required by the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Protocol For Possession Claims by Social Landlords or the PreAction Protocol For Possession Claims based on Home Purchase Plan Arrears in Respect of Residential Property;</p> <p>(db) letter before action or a notice seeking possession served by a landlord under section 83, 83Z or 107D of the Housing Act 1985; or sections 8 or 21 of the Housing Act 1988; or section 128 of the Housing Act 1996; or</p>

		<p>(e) notice seeking possession served by a landlord under section 128 of the Housing Act 1996;</p> <p>(f) letter from the court notifying the Client that possession proceedings have been issued;-</p> <p>(d) A written tenancy or license agreement confirming the Client's right to legally occupy their home (from the point at which occupation commenced); or</p> <p>(e) evidence to suggest that the Client had a right to legally occupy their home (from the point at which occupation commenced), including but not limited to:</p> <p>(i) texts/emails between the Client and the landlord;</p> <p>(ii) bank statements, rent receipts or bank transfers demonstrating rental payments being made by the Client or by someone else on their behalf;</p> <p>(iii) utility and council tax bills addressed to the Client at the property in question; or</p> <p>(iv) third party accounts which suggest the Client is a legal occupier; and</p> <p>you must be satisfied that the Client's evidence sufficiently confirms their legal occupancy status from the point at which their occupancy commenced;</p> <p>(f) a record of events that the individual believes constitute an illegal eviction (written, audio or photographic), including but not limited to:</p> <p>(i) a record of events taken by you during initial instructions, such as communications between the Client</p>
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		and the landlord (e.g. emails, social media messages, text messages). This includes photographic, video or audio evidence of harassment by or on behalf of the landlord; (ii) a contemporaneous diary kept by the Client detailing the events; or (iii) evidence of a complaint to the police or a local authority about the illegal eviction.
10.40	Evidence referred to in Paragraph 10.39 is not exhaustive and other written evidence may be appropriate.	Evidence referred to in Paragraph 10.39 is not exhaustive and other written evidence may be appropriate. Written evidence must be provided where such has been produced.
10.41	A copy of the written evidence, referred to in Paragraphs 10.39 and 10.40 must be retained on the Client's file.	A copy of the written evidence, written or in any other form where applicable , referred to in Paragraphs 10.39 and 10.40 must be retained on the Client's file.
10.43	Early Legal Advice may continue following a review hearing but is not available following the first substantive possession hearing and you must not provide further Early Legal Advice beyond this point.	Early Legal Advice may cannot continue following a review hearing but is not available following the first substantive possession hearing and you must not provide further Early Legal Advice beyond this point to be provided if the court does any of the following at the first listed hearing: 1. makes an outright possession order 2. dismisses the possession claim 3. makes directions for the future conduct of the proceedings. If a listed hearing is adjourned (one or more times) then that listed hearing will not be classed as the first substantive possession hearing and Early Legal Advice may

		continue to be provided. In the case of illegal evictions, Early Legal Advice can continue until you consider that no further work can be carried out under Legal Help.
10.48	Where the amount of any Claim in respect of Early Legal Advice as calculated in the basis of Hourly Rates exceeds the Escape Fee threshold as specified in the Remuneration Regulations you may apply for the Claim to be treated as an Escape Fee Case pursuant to Paragraphs 4.13 to 4.20.	Where the amount of any Claim in respect of Early Legal Advice as calculated io n the basis of Hourly Rates exceeds the Escape Fee threshold as specified in the Remuneration Regulations you may apply for the Claim to be treated as an Escape Fee Case pursuant to Paragraphs 4.13 to 4.20.
10.67	There are no additional payments for travel or waiting or similar. No additional payments will be made other than for disbursements incurred in representing a Client at a remote hearing.	There are no additional payments for travel or waiting or similar. No additional payments will be made other than for disbursements incurred in representing a Client at a remote hearing. For the avoidance of doubt, you may incur disbursements for interpretation services immediately prior to and immediately after an in-person or remote hearing, in accordance with Paragraphs 2.47 to 2.51 and 4.24 to 4.31, but not beyond the day of the hearing.
10.68	Where you are available to represent Clients at a Session and you represent no or one Clients you may submit a Claim equivalent to representing two Clients.	Where you are available to represent Clients at a Session and you represent no or one Clients s you may submit a Claim equivalent to representing two Clients.
10.75	Monitoring reports showing details of Clients assisted must be completed fully and returned to us by you within 10 days after the end of each month. Payments are triggered by our receipt of fully completed monthly monitoring reports on or before their respective due date. If you fail to provide any report to us by its due date, your payment will be delayed until after we have received it.	10.75 Where: (a) In-Court Duty Scheme Matters; or (b) Early Legal Advice Matters opened under a Previous Contract

		are to be Claimed under the Contract, M monitoring reports showing details of Clients assisted must be completed fully and returned to us by you within 10 days after the end of each month. Payments are triggered by our receipt of fully completed monthly monitoring reports on or before their respective due date. If you fail to provide any report to us by its due date, your payment will be delayed until after we have received it. Early Legal Advice Matters opened under this Contract must be Claimed in accordance with provisions set out in Section 4.
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Changes coming into effect to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract and supporting supervision guidance documents

Please note that the tables below sets out changes that have been made to the relevant 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification (Category Specific Rules) and the Guidance on Civil Supervisor Requirements For the 2024 Standard Civil Contract (December 2024). These amendments have been consulted on and will come into effect on Monday 30th December 2024.

The Guidance on Civil Supervisor Requirements For the 2024 Standard Civil Contract (September 2023)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
24	New paragraph inserted under “Case Involvement” heading.	24. Supervisors may use the same case example in the same sub-category of the Supervisor Declaration Form to demonstrate legal competence through the breadth of work undertaken in the course of their casework.

2024 Standard Civil Contract: Community Care Specification (Section 11)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
11.3	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 11.1 and 11.2. The same case file can be	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 11.1 and 11.2. The same

	used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 11.1 and 11.2.	case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 11.1 and 11.2.
2024 Standard Civil Contract: Welfare Benefits Specification (Section 12)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
12.3	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2.	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2.
2024 Standard Civil Contract: Claims Against Public Authorities Specification (Section 13)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
13.4	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3.	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3.
13.9	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.7 and 13.8. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.7 and 13.8.	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.7 and 13.8. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 13.7 and 13.8.
2024 Standard Civil Contract: Public Law Specification (Section 14)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
14.3	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2.	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2. The same case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2.
2024 Standard Civil Contract: Discrimination Specification (Section 17)		
Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
17.11	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraph 17.9 and 17.10. The same case file can be	The Supervisor must maintain a portfolio (including case name and reference) of cases to demonstrate compliance with Paragraph 17.9 and 17.10. The same

	used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 17.9 and 17.10.	case file can be used to demonstrate compliance with Paragraphs 17.9 and 17.10.
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Changes coming into effect to support the Domestic Abuse Protection Notice (DAPN) and Domestic Abuse Protection Order (DAPO) Pilot

Please note that the table below sets out changes that have been made to the 2024 Standard Civil Contract Specification and the Category Definition 2024 to support the implementation of the DAPN and DAPO pilot. These amendments have been consulted on and will come into effect in 4 weeks from the date of this notice. Providers may undertake work with regards to DAPO and DAPN after pilot go-live date in the relevant pilot areas in accordance with The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023 and The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024.

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Paragraph Number	Current Provision	Amended Provision
Paragraph 18 Minor Civil/Criminal overlaps	<p>Work falling within the Crime Category is generally excluded from any civil Category, but there are some minor exceptions:</p> <p>(a) Enforcement proceedings in the magistrates court arising out of the breach of an order of that court made in family proceedings where there is a risk of imprisonment also fall within the Family Category;</p> <p>(b) Civil proceedings in the magistrates' court arising out of the breach of a financial order of that court where there is a risk of imprisonment also fall within the Debt Category;</p> <p>(c) Proceedings against a child for a Sexual Harm Prevention Order and any associated Parenting Order, and for a Parenting Order made on the conviction of a child</p>	<p>New sub-paragraph inserted.</p> <p>Work falling within the Crime Category is generally excluded from any civil Category, but there are some minor exceptions:</p> <p>(a) Enforcement proceedings in the magistrates court arising out of the breach of an order of that court made in family proceedings where there is a risk of imprisonment also fall within the Family Category;</p> <p>(b) Civil proceedings in the magistrates' court arising out of the breach of a financial order of that court where there is a risk of imprisonment also fall within the Debt Category;</p>

	<p>where the parent cannot be reasonably represented by the child's solicitor also fall within the Family Category; and,</p> <p>(d) Committal applications for civil contempt of court arising out of proceedings described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 also fall under the civil Category of Law covering the underlying proceedings, or where the underlying proceedings do not fall within a Category of Law, are classified as Miscellaneous Work.</p>	<p>(c) Proceedings against a child for a Sexual Harm Prevention Order and any associated Parenting Order, and for a Parenting Order made on the conviction of a child where the parent cannot be reasonably represented by the child's solicitor also fall within the Family Category; and,</p> <p>(d) Committal applications for civil contempt of court arising out of proceedings described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 also fall under the civil Category of Law covering the underlying proceedings, or where the underlying proceedings do not fall within a Category of Law, are classified as Miscellaneous Work.</p> <p>(e) Civil legal services provided under the DAPO Pilot Scheme, while falling under this Contract, may be provided also by criminal practitioners under the 2022 Standard Crime Contract.</p>
Paragraph 33 Family	<p>Legal Help and all proceedings in relation to:</p> <p>(a) orders under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 (as described in subparagraph 1(1)(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(b) orders under Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children Act 1989 Act (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(b) and 1(1)(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(c) approval by a court under paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989 Act (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(d) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p>	<p>New sub-paragraph inserted.</p> <p>Legal Help and all proceedings in relation to:</p> <p>(a) orders under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 (as described in subparagraph 1(1)(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(b) orders under Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children Act 1989 Act (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(b) and 1(1)(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(c) approval by a court under paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989 Act (as described in</p>

	<p>(d) parenting orders under sections 8 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(e) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(e) child safety orders under section 11 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(f) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(f) applications under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(g) to 1(1)(j) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(g) orders under an enactment made as an alternative to an order mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (f) above (as described in subparagraph 1(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(h) orders under an enactment made in proceedings heard together with proceedings relating to an order mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (f) above (as described in subparagraph 1(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(i) the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court in relation to children (as described in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(j) the orders and requirements listed in subparagraph 10(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act in relation to unlawful removal or potential unlawful removal of children from the United Kingdom;</p> <p>(k) the orders and applications listed in subparagraph 10(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act in relation to the return</p>	<p>subparagraphs 1(1)(d) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(d) parenting orders under sections 8 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(e) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(e) child safety orders under section 11 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(f) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(f) applications under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (as described in subparagraphs 1(1)(g) to 1(1)(j) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(g) orders under an enactment made as an alternative to an order mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (f) above (as described in subparagraph 1(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(h) orders under an enactment made in proceedings heard together with proceedings relating to an order mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (f) above (as described in subparagraph 1(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(i) the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court in relation to children (as described in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(j) the orders and requirements listed in subparagraph 10(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act in relation to</p>
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	<p>of children unlawfully removed to a place in the United Kingdom;</p> <p>(l) home rights, occupation orders and non-molestation orders under Part 4 of the Family Law Act 1996 (as described in paragraph 11(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(m) injunctions following assault, battery and false imprisonment in circumstances arising out of a family relationship (as described in paragraph 11(2)(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(n) the protection of an adult in proceedings under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court in circumstances arising out of a family relationship (as described in paragraph 11(2)(b) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(o) the mediation of family disputes (as described in subparagraph 14(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(p) services provided to a child under paragraph 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act in relation to family proceedings where the child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. is, or proposes to be, the applicant or respondent; ii. is made a party to the proceedings by a court under rule 16.2 of the Family Procedure Rules; or iii. is a party to the proceedings and is conducting, or proposing to conduct, the proceedings themselves in 	<p>unlawful removal or potential unlawful removal of children from the United Kingdom;</p> <p>(k) the orders and applications listed in subparagraph 10(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act in relation to the return of children unlawfully removed to a place in the United Kingdom;</p> <p>(l) home rights, occupation orders and non-molestation orders under Part 4 of the Family Law Act 1996 (as described in paragraph 11(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(m) injunctions following assault, battery and false imprisonment in circumstances arising out of a family relationship (as described in paragraph 11(2)(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(n) the protection of an adult in proceedings under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court in circumstances arising out of a family relationship (as described in paragraph 11(2)(b) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(o) the mediation of family disputes (as described in subparagraph 14(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(p) services provided to a child under paragraph 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act in relation to family proceedings where the child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. is, or proposes to be, the applicant or respondent;
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	<p>accordance with rule 16.6 of the Family Procedure Rules;</p> <p>(q) female genital mutilation protection orders under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (as described in paragraph 15A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(r) forced marriage protection orders under Part 4A of the Family Law Act 1996 (as described in paragraph 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(s) the following EU and international agreements concerning children (as described in paragraph 17 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. an application made to the Lord Chancellor under the 1980 European Convention on Child Custody for the recognition or enforcement in England and Wales of a decision relating to the custody of a child; ii. an application made to the Lord Chancellor under the 1980 Hague Convention in respect of a child who is, or is believed to be, in England and Wales; iii. the recognition or enforcement of a judgment in England and Wales in accordance with Article 21, 28, 41, 42 or 48 of the 2003 Brussels Regulation. <p>(t) the following EU and international agreements in relation to an application for the recognition or enforcement in England and Wales of a maintenance order</p>	<p>ii. is made a party to the proceedings by a court under rule 16.2 of the Family Procedure Rules; or</p> <p>iii. is a party to the proceedings and is conducting, or proposing to conduct, the proceedings themselves in accordance with rule 16.6 of the Family Procedure Rules;</p> <p>(q) female genital mutilation protection orders under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (as described in paragraph 15A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(r) forced marriage protection orders under Part 4A of the Family Law Act 1996 (as described in paragraph 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act);</p> <p>(s) the following EU and international agreements concerning children (as described in paragraph 17 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. an application made to the Lord Chancellor under the 1980 European Convention on Child Custody for the recognition or enforcement in England and Wales of a decision relating to the custody of a child; ii. an application made to the Lord Chancellor under the 1980 Hague Convention in respect of a child who is, or is believed to be, in England and Wales;
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	<p>(as described in paragraph 18 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the 1968 Brussels Convention; ii. the 1973 Hague Convention; iii. the 1989 Lugano Convention; iv. the 2000 Brussels Regulation; v. the 2007 Lugano Convention; vi. the EU Maintenance Regulation; vii. the 2007 Hague Convention; <p>(u) Proceedings under section 3, 3A, 5 or 5A of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (as described in paragraph 37 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act) arising out of a family relationship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. the recognition or enforcement of a judgment in England and Wales in accordance with Article 21, 28, 41, 42 or 48 of the 2003 Brussels Regulation. <p>(t) the following EU and international agreements in relation to an application for the recognition or enforcement in England and Wales of a maintenance order (as described in paragraph 18 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the 1968 Brussels Convention; ii. the 1973 Hague Convention; iii. the 1989 Lugano Convention; iv. the 2000 Brussels Regulation; v. the 2007 Lugano Convention; vi. the EU Maintenance Regulation; vii. the 2007 Hague Convention; <p>(u) Proceedings under section 3, 3A, 5 or 5A of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (as described in paragraph 37 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act) arising out of a family relationship.</p> <p>(v) applications and orders under Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (as described in subparagraph 11(1A) of part 1, Schedule 1 to the Act);</p>
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Paragraph 50A Miscellaneous work	New paragraph	Civil legal services provided under the DAPO Pilot Scheme constitute Miscellaneous Work with the distinct set of rules set out in Section 17 applicable to them.
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2024 Standard Civil Contract: Specification

A new specification titled “the DAPO Pilot Scheme Specification (Section 19)” has been incorporated into the 2024 Standard Civil Contract. The specification will support work undertaken via civil legal aid for the forthcoming DAPN and DAPOs pilot. NB. This specification will come into effect at the point that the DAPN/DAPOs pilot goes live. The DAPO Pilot Scheme Specification (Section 19) can be downloaded by clicking on the following link: [Standard civil contract 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/123456/standard-civil-contract-2024-specification.pdf)