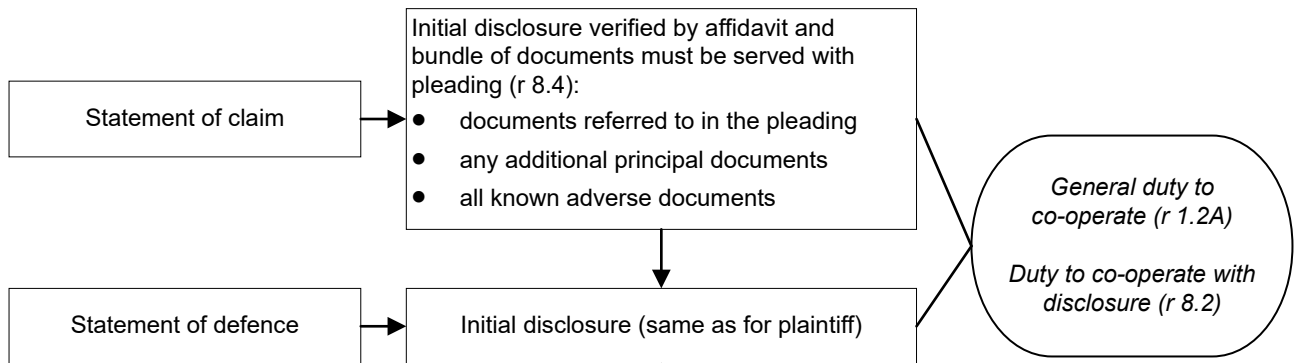
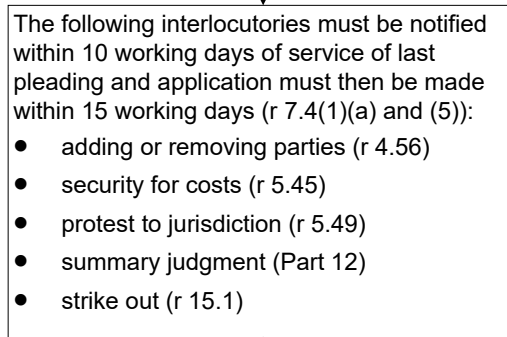


OVERVIEW OF COMMENCEMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND PREPARATION FOR TRIAL OF ORDINARY PROCEEDINGS

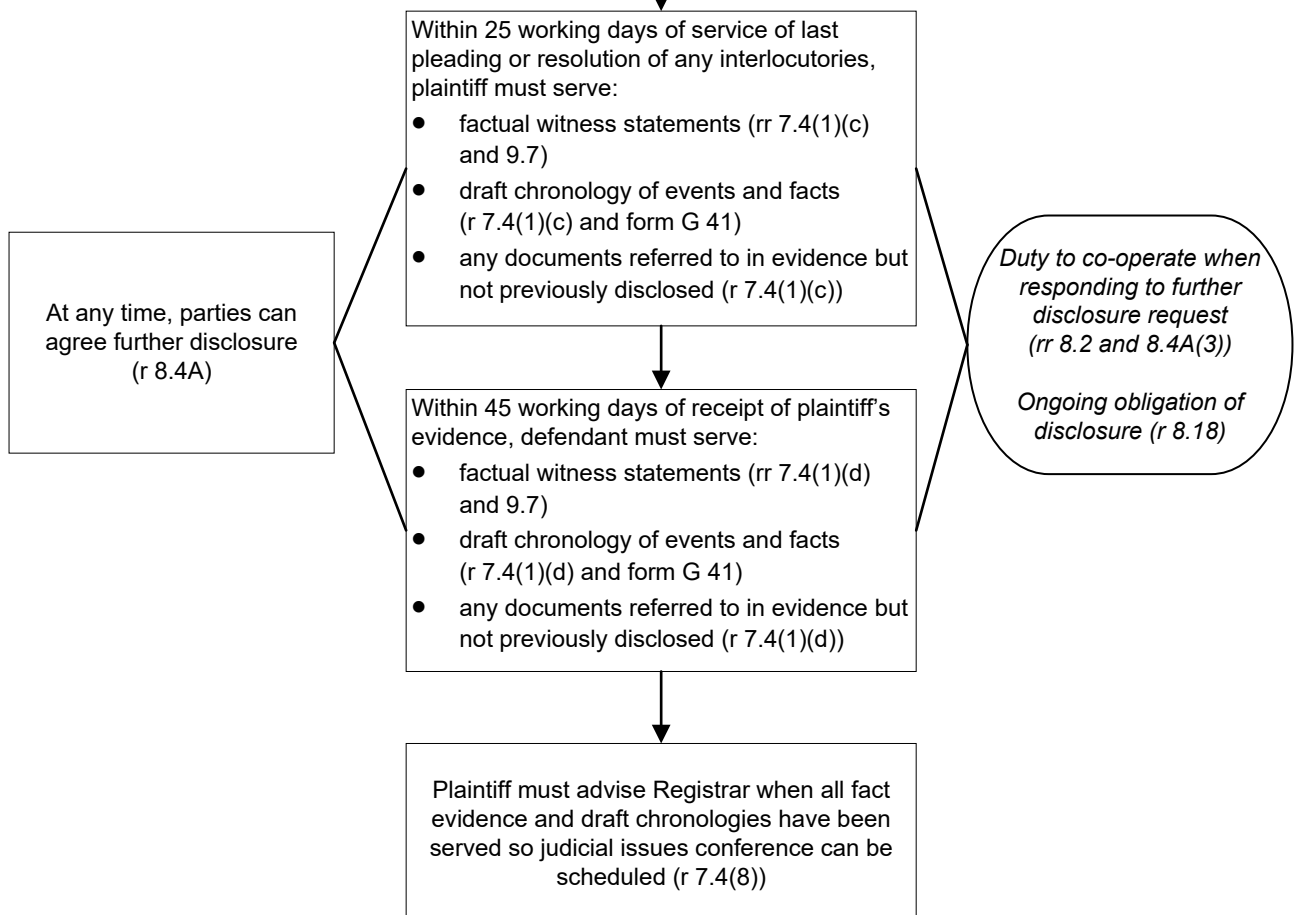
Pleadings and initial disclosure



Standard directions: applications for specified interlocutories



Standard directions: fact evidence, draft chronologies and further agreed disclosure



Preparing for judicial issues conference

Both parties must file position papers (up to 10 pages) and bundle of key materials (r 7.5B):

- plaintiff: 10 working days before conference
- defendant: 5 working days before conference

Duty to co-operate when preparing for and participating in judicial issues conference (r 7.5(2))

Judicial issues conference

Judge may order further disclosure (at any time, including verified by affidavit) (rr 8.4A(4), 8.19, and 8.21)

Identification of issues and position of parties on those issues (r 7.5(3) and 7.5A(a))

Directions for any other interlocutories and other outstanding matters, including timetabling preparation for trial (rr 7.5A and 9.1A)

Remaining pre-trial steps

Parties provide any further disclosure

Exchange of expert witness statements (presumptively 1 expert per party per issue) (r 9.36AAA)

Expert witness conference, which may require a joint expert witness statement (r 9.44)

Resolution of any outstanding interlocutories

Preparing for trial

Parties exchange:

- final index of documents to be relied upon for inclusion in common bundle (r 9.2(1))
- final chronology (r 9.2(3))

If documents to be relied upon include documents not previously disclosed, party must seek leave of court for these to be included in common bundle (r 9.2(2))

Duty to co-operate with preparation of common bundle (r 9.4(1))

Ongoing obligation of disclosure (r 8.18)

Plaintiff prepares and serves:

- common bundle of documents (r 9.4)
- merged chronology, identifying agreed and disputed entries (r 9.9)

Plaintiff must file opening submissions, including a narrative of material facts and events, 10 working days before trial (r 9.16(1))

Defendant must file opening submissions, including a narrative of material facts and events, 5 working days before trial (r 9.16(2))