

Appendix B

Para. 64(1)

WAITING PERIODS

S/N	TYPE OF PROCEEDINGS	Target
Pre-trial conferences		
1.	Pre-Trial Conferences in Suits:	
(a)	Where the writ has not been served.	6 weeks from the date of commencement of writ
(b)	Where the writ has been served or memorandum of appearance has been entered.	8 weeks from the date of service of writ/memorandum of appearance
High Court – Original Civil Jurisdiction		
2.	Trials in Suits	8 weeks from the date of setting down
3.	Bankruptcy Originating Summonses	
-	Application for bankruptcy order	6 weeks from the date of filing
-	Other originating summonses	2 weeks from the date of filing
4.	Companies Winding-Up Originating Summonses	4 weeks from the date of filing
Before Registrar / Judge		
5.	Originating Summons	
(a)	<i>Inter Partes</i> Originating Summons	6 weeks from the date of filing
(b)	<i>Ex parte</i> Originating Summons	3 weeks from the date of filing

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| 6. Summons before Judge and Registrar other than applications for summary judgment | 3 weeks from the date of filing |
| 7. Applications for summary judgment pursuant to Order 14 | 5 weeks from the date of filing (statutory minimum period) |
| 8. Bankruptcy Applications (summonses) | |
| - Application for Discharge | 4 weeks from the date of filing |
| - Other applications | 2 weeks from the date of filing |
| 9. Taxation: General bills | 3 weeks from the date of filing |
| 10. Review of Taxation before Judges | 3 weeks from the date of filing |
| 11. Assessment of Damages | 3 weeks from the date of filing
[Includes time taken to subpoena witness to court] |
| 12. Examination of Judgment Debtors | 3 weeks from the date of filing of request* for hearing date |

High Court – Appellate Civil Jurisdiction

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| 13. Registrar’s Appeals (from High Court) | 4 weeks from the date of filing for appeals involving assessment of damages |
| | 3 weeks from the date of filing for other appeals |

*** Formerly known as “praecipe”.**

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| 14. Appeals in civil matters from the State Courts (District Court Appeals and Small Claims Tribunals Appeals) | 4 weeks from the of receipt of the record of proceedings from the State Courts |
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High Court – Criminal Jurisdiction

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| 15. Pre-trial conference in Criminal Cases | 12 weeks from date accused is first charged in the State Courts |
| 16. Trials of Criminal Cases | 6 weeks from date of the final Criminal Case Disclosure Conference or Pre-trial Conference before trial (whichever is later) |
| 17. Appeals in criminal matters from the State Courts (Magistrate's Appeals) | 12 weeks from the date of receipt of the record of proceedings |