

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

Applications for extension of time for compliance with Masters' Orders

PRACTICE NOTE  
(No 1 of 2005)

1. The current practice whereby applications for extension of time to comply with an order of the Master are made informally to a Master, through the Masters' Office, will cease on 3 October 2005.
2. From 3 October 2005 onwards all such applications must be made by ex parte application supported by a grounding affidavit.
3. The precise nature of the relief sought must be set out clearly on the ex parte docket, and the grounding affidavit must set out clearly the reason for the failure to comply with the terms of the Master's order in the time specified therein.
4. Where the reason given for the failure to comply with the terms of the Master's order is an act or omission by another party in the action, the Master may order that the cost of the ex parte application be paid by that other party, but will not do so without allowing the other party an opportunity to be heard.

J W WILSON  
Master (Queen's Bench and Appeals).

C J McCORRY  
Master (High Court).

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