

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
General Division – 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 (summons)
- Application for Discharge
- Other applications | 4 weeks from the date of filing
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 |

**General Division
– Appellate Civil Jurisdiction**

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| 13. Registrar’s Appeals (from General Division) | 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”.

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

General Division – Criminal Jurisdiction

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