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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 3132**

**The Civil Procedure Rules 1998**

**PART 1**

**OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE**

**Court's duty to manage cases**

- 1.4.**—(1) The court must further the overriding objective by actively managing cases.
- (2) Active case management includes —
- (a) encouraging the parties to co-operate with each other in the conduct of the proceedings;
  - (b) identifying the issues at an early stage;
  - (c) deciding promptly which issues need full investigation and trial and accordingly disposing summarily of the others;
  - (d) deciding the order in which issues are to be resolved;
  - (e) encouraging the parties to use an alternative dispute resolution<sup>(GL)</sup> procedure if the court considers that appropriate and facilitating the use of such procedure;
  - (f) helping the parties to settle the whole or part of the case;
  - (g) fixing timetables or otherwise controlling the progress of the case;
  - (h) considering whether the likely benefits of taking a particular step justify the cost of taking it;
  - (i) dealing with as many aspects of the case as it can on the same occasion;
  - (j) dealing with the case without the parties needing to attend at court;
  - (k) making use of technology; and
  - (l) giving directions to ensure that the trial of a case proceeds quickly and efficiently.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Rule 1.4 in force at 26.4.1999, see [Signature](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 1.4.