

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to take over Pubs Code Arbitration Referral Service

News story

From 13 December 2021 new Pubs Code arbitration referrals must be made to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators



The [Chartered Institute of Arbitrators \(CI Arb\)](#) has been awarded the contract to provide the arbitration referral service on behalf of the Pubs Code Adjudicator.

This will include full end-to-end management and administration of the arbitration referral service including being the point of contact for referral queries. This is in addition to continuing to recommend alternative arbitrators to the PCA where required. The CI Arb will also develop Pubs Code training for arbitrators and others in the industry.

Fiona Dickie, Pubs Code Adjudicator said:

This is a major development in how we operate, allowing even greater focus by the PCA team on our regulatory agenda to ensure compliance with the Pubs Code. As an accredited body with experience of handling recommendations of Pubs Code arbitrators for appointment by the PCA, the CI Arb is well placed to ensure referrals are efficiently managed.

Another significant initiative is the enhancement of Code training for arbitrators. This may also be valuable for others in the industry with an interest in the Pubs Code.

Information from arbitrations is useful to understand how the Code is working in practice. As regulator, I will continue to receive arbitration documents in line with the [arbitrator standards](#). So, I will still be watching for non-compliance by regulated pub-

companies and where the PCA can provide further clarity to the industry on applying the Code.

I will continue to ensure that the Pubs Code arbitration referral service works for the benefit of those who need to use it.

Lewis Johnston, CIArb Assistant Director for Policy and External Affairs said:

“This is a fantastic development and reflects the esteem in which CIArb-accredited arbitrators are held. We are delighted to have been chosen as the provider of this service and look forward to working with the PCA to maintain the highest quality standards of delivery. We also look forward to expanding the pool of arbitrators on our Presidential Panel from which we draw when making recommendations to the PCA for appointment.”

Those making a referral **from 13 December 2021** will need to complete the new referral form and send this to the CIArb Dispute Appointment Service (DAS) team. The form can be emailed to pca@ciarb.org. Full details, including how to pay the referral fee, will be available on their website.

Existing cases will continue as normal, and no action is required from the parties in those cases. Any queries regarding those cases can be directed to the DAS team using the email address above.

Tenants can send Pubs Code enquiries to their [Code Compliance Officer](#) in the first instance. Enquiries can also be sent to the PCA team at office@pubscodeadjudicator.gov.uk.

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[Sellafield trains go hybrid](#)

News story

New hybrid trains are helping us reduce our carbon footprint at Sellafield.



One of Sellafield's new hybrid locomotives.

Two new hybrid trains recently joined our internal rail network at Sellafield, replacing older and less environmentally friendly engines.

It's part of our plan to replace all our solely diesel locomotives with smaller all electric 40-tonne versions, making our rail operations 100% electrically powered in 2022.

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As part of our rail fleet they will safely move nuclear materials and wastes across our internal rail network that criss-crosses the Sellafield site, helping us deliver our purpose of creating a clean and safe environment for future generations.

Mark McSherry, from the Sellafield site railways team said:

It's been on the cards for a long time to replace some of the existing locos. Our existing fleet has done a great job keeping site operations going but they run on diesel, have high emissions, and aren't environmentally friendly.

These new locos are hybrid; they have the cleanest diesel engines available and are able to run completely on electric with on board battery charging.

They are designed to reduce operations and maintenance costs and have reduced emissions, reducing our carbon footprint. It's all positive.

Our future aim is to reduce the fleet that we have and decommission

two of the older locos and replace the remaining diesel model with a smaller all electric version, which will make our rail operations completely electrically powered.

We are still in the commissioning phase, but all the feedback is really good, they are easier and a lot smoother and quieter to drive. It also makes the job a lot easier and reduces rework as we can move more in one go. "I would like to thank everyone involved, it has taken us three years to get to this point, but that time and commitment has paid off.

Clive Hannaford, managing director at Clayton Equipment, said:

We are very pleased with this new order to supply Sellafield Ltd with sustainable, low emission, environmentally compliant equipment which meets their commitment to invest in technology and provide cost savings with long term durability.

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[New idea planted by National Highways to curb fly-tippers](#)

Press release

A piece of land plagued by fly-tippers in a residential street has been given a new lease of life thanks to a blooming good idea by National Highways.



Some of the rubbish dumped in Darlaston Road

This shocking image illustrates the scale of the fly-tipping at the site with bed mattresses and a fridge amongst the rubbish dumped in the West Midlands street.

Thousands of pounds have been spent by National Highways clearing up the rubbish at this fly-tipping hotspot in Darlaston Road, Walsall. Complaints were received from residents in the street upset about the issue.

As well as being unsightly and dangerous, the mound of rubbish blocked National Highways' gates which provide vital access to the adjacent M6.

So to deter fly-tippers and to brighten up the area, National Highways have installed two large planters which fill the vacant space and will provide some colour in the coming months.

The planters which have transformed the piece of land and deterred fly-tippers

National Highways' Route Manager Adrian Johnson said:

Rather than install fencing or bricking up the space which can be quite intrusive in a residential area, we thought these planters would offer a much more attractive use of the space for the local community.

Dumping rubbish poses a risk to the wildlife and the environment as well as being an ugly sight for local people to have to endure. We hope the improvements that we have made will persuade reckless fly-tippers to think again.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the National Highways customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the National Highways press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

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Thousands of low earners to benefit from income boost today

As announced in the Autumn Budget, the taper rate – the amount that a person's Universal Credit is reduced by as they earn more – has dropped from 63% to 55%. Simultaneously, work allowances, the amount eligible claimants can earn before their Universal Credit is reduced, have increased by £500 per year.

The changes mean people will keep more of what they earn, representing an effective tax cut worth £2.2 billion for the lowest earners.

Taken together the move will see, in total, almost two million of the lowest paid working families better off each year by an average of £1,000.

The Department for Work and Pensions has introduced the changes as quickly as possible, passing regulations last week to secure the higher payments for the lowest earners in time for Christmas.

Prime Minister, Boris Johnson said:

It's right that we support hard-working families, and this change will help some of the country's lowest income families keep more of their money.

Together with the increase in the minimum wage and our investments in skills and training, it shows this is a government committed to making work pay.

Work and Pensions Secretary, Thérèse Coffey said:

Tens of thousands of the lowest earners will see a boost to their bank accounts today following changes to Universal Credit, meaning that people can keep more of what they earn to help with the cost of living.

We introduced this change earlier than planned which will see up to 500,000 more households benefitting before Christmas.

Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer said:

We want this to be a country that rewards work, where hard-working families get to keep more of their hard-earned cash.

That's why at Budget I announced changes to the Universal Credit taper rate that will see two million of the lowest paid families

benefit from an effective £2bn tax cut.

These people will get an average of £1,000 more a year – and this extra money will start appearing in their bank accounts today, just in time for Christmas.

The changes mean, for example, that a single mother of two, renting in Darlington, working a full-time job on the National Living Wage, will see her take-home income increase by £1,200 on an annual basis.

Meanwhile, a couple with two children, renting their home, where one partner works full time at the National Living Wage and the other works 16 hours a week earning the same, will be £1,800 per year better off.

Vulnerable households across the country are also able to access the £500 million Household Support Fund to help them with essentials over the coming months as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. The devolved administrations will receive almost £80 million of the £500 million (£41 million for the Scottish Government, £25 million for the Welsh Government and £14 million for the NI Executive).

- With a number of people expected to be newly eligible for Universal Credit, people are being urged to check a benefit calculator on gov.uk to see if they could increase their income.
- Along with changes to the taper rate, work allowances, the amount a claimant can earn before their Universal Credit is reduced.
- Those receiving other benefits from the Government including Working Tax Credits should note that if they apply for Universal Credit they cannot return to their previous benefits.
- For those not in work they will continue to benefit from Universal Credit standard allowance and additional extra support if they have children, have a disability or health condition which prevents them from working or need help paying their rent.

Media enquiries for this press release – 0115 965 8781

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[File Companies House accounts early and online to avoid delays](#)



December is always a busy time with many companies due to file accounts with Companies House before the end of the month.

We're continuing to follow government guidance for [working safely during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). This means it could take longer than usual to process paper documents sent by post.

Our online services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and there are inbuilt checks to help you avoid mistakes.

It can take as little as 15 minutes from start to finish and you'll know your accounts have been delivered on time. We'll send you an email to confirm we've received your accounts, and another email when we've registered them.

To file online, you'll need your [company authentication code](#). If you need to request a new code, you should allow up to 5 days for this to arrive at the company's registered office.

You should only send paper accounts if your company cannot file online. Accounts filed on paper need to be manually checked and processed by our teams during [office opening hours](#).

If you need to file your accounts on paper, you should send them to us well before the deadline. This will give you plenty of time to correct your accounts and resend them if they are rejected. You should also consider using a guaranteed next day delivery, but we cannot accept postal delays as an excuse for filing late.

It's the [directors' responsibility](#) to file a company's accounts. You could get a criminal record, a fine and disqualification if you do not deliver your accounts on time.

You must file accounts even if your company is dormant or not trading.

[Register for email reminders](#) to know when your accounts are due. You can also check your filing deadline on our [Find and update company information service](#).

Watch recordings of our [directors' responsibilities webinars](#) and register for future [Companies House webinars](#).

[Watch our YouTube videos](#) for guidance on how to use our online services.

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