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Striking Out and Deposit Orders

If a judge decides that either side's case is really weak the judge can decide one of two things:

- (1) If the claimant's or respondent's case is weak the judge could make a Deposit Order. This is an amount of money, up to a maximum of £1,000 that the tribunal asks for, if the side with the weak case wishes to continue with the case.
- (2) If the judge thinks that either side's case is so weak and that it has no reasonable chance of success the judge could strike the case out and the other side would have won.

Either side can apply to the tribunal asking for a preliminary hearing if they believe that the other side's case is very weak.

When you get the letter from the tribunal giving you the date of the preliminary hearing, it will also state the reason why the preliminary hearing is being held and whether the judge is considering a deposit order or a strike out.

If a deposit order is made you have 21 days from the date the order was made to pay the deposit to the tribunal otherwise your claim will be struck out.

If a deposit order is made against you call us, it might be that it would be better if you did not continue with your claim.



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