

LAA updates - Average Payment Scheme Recoupments

Between May 2025 and January 2026, £395 million was paid through the Average Payments Scheme. 1,315 solicitor accounts and 2,058 barristers opted in for at least one week. This allowed cash flow to be maintained while CCMS was offline due to the cybersecurity incident.

Following the restoration of CCMS to all civil users on 1 December 2025, this scheme closed on 12 January 2026, with final contingency payments received on 19 January. The first recoupments were taken alongside the payment run on 2 February 2026. All providers who opted into the scheme should have received a statement setting out their recoupment schedule. If this has not been received, solicitors should contact their contract manager, barristers should email CivilClaimBC@Justice.gov.uk

Solicitors and barristers may request a two week pause on the recoupment schedule, (contact details as above). Reasons a pause may be required can include:

- Inability to submit enough bills for the next two weeks due to staff leave and priority focus on submission of applications
- A short-term unsustainable debt position
- Personal circumstances, such as maternity leave or long-term sickness absence, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For further information please see the [Contingency Recoupment - Providers Guide](#).