

Proceeding Timeline

CIV-2026-404-001264

To the plaintiff(s):	A copy of this Proceeding Timeline is to be served on each defendant together with the proceedings.
To the defendant(s):	If a defendant files a third-party notice, a copy of this Proceeding Timeline is to be served on each third party together with the third-party notice and associated documents.

Reminders

Counsel are reminded of:

- (a) the overriding objective of the High Court Rules “to secure the just resolution of any proceeding ... by proportionate means, including by ensuring its speedy and inexpensive determination” (rule 1.2(1));
- (b) the general duty to cooperate between parties and their solicitors and counsel with the other parties and their solicitors and counsel (rule 1.2A(1));
- (c) the duty to have direct discussions between lawyers and counsel representing the parties or, if not represented, directly with the parties to attempt to agree on how the proceeding will be conducted (rather than just email or other correspondence) (rule 1.2A(2)).

When Plaintiff to file Proceeding Timeline with Court

The plaintiff is to confer with the other parties and then file this completed Proceeding Timeline:

- (a) if no notice of intention to file a r 7.4(8) interlocutory application is given by any party in accordance with r 7.4(3)(a), five working days following the time prescribed by r 7.4(3)(a); or
- (b) if notice is given in accordance with r 7.4(3)(a) and a r 7.4(8) interlocutory application is subsequently filed in accordance with r 7.4(3)(b), ten working days after disposition of the application, or the filing of the statement of defence(s), whichever is the later; or
- (c) if notice is given in accordance with r 7.4(3)(a) but no r 7.4(8) application is subsequently filed in accordance with r 7.4(3)(b), five working days after the date in r 7.4(3)(b).

Judicial Issues Conference Ready Listing

Once this completed Proceeding Timeline has been filed, the proceeding will be referred to an Associate Judge and listed for a Judicial Issues Conference Ready Listing (JIC Ready Listing). The JIC Ready Listing will be approximately 10 working days after the last date advised below on which factual evidence, draft chronologies and copies of any additional documents are scheduled to be served.

The date of the Judicial Issues Conference will be set at the JIC Ready Listing, and will be approximately 30 working days from the date of the JIC Ready Listing.

NOTE: In the event any factual evidence, draft chronology and/or any additional documents are not served as scheduled, the JIC Ready Listing will still proceed.

Attendance at Judicial Issues Conferences

The Court expects that, in addition to counsel, appropriate representatives for the parties will attend the Judicial Issues Conference. Representatives should be a person or persons with authority to make decisions about the conduct of the proceeding, including resolution of issues or other matters in the proceeding.

For Completion by the Plaintiff

Rule 7.4(3) Applications

Has any party filed a summary judgment application together with their pleading, or given notice in accordance with r 7.4(3) that an application falling within r 7.4(8) is intended to be filed and the application has been filed?

No.

List of pleadings filed and served

Pleading	Date Filed	Date Served	Initial disclosure provided
Statement of claim	29 May 2026	29 May 2026	Yes
Statement of defence of the first, second and third defendants	14 July 2026	14 July 2026	No
Reply to statement of defence	28 July 2026	28 July 2026	N/A

A notice of discontinuance against the first defendant, BDO Auckland Limited, was filed on 28 July 2026.

Timetable for service of evidence and draft chronologies

Parties are required to serve factual witness statements, draft chronologies and copies of additional documents referred to by dates set out in the table below (r 7.4(4)). Parties are reminded that the filing of an interlocutory application otherwise than in accordance with 7.4(3) does not halt or change the default timetable set out in r 7.4.

NOTE: If an alternative timetable for the exchange of evidence is required and agreed between the parties (or is sought but cannot be agreed), a joint memorandum (with any differences set out) is to be filed together with the Proceeding Timeline seeking amended directions in accordance with r 7.4(10). Reasons for any proposed alternative timetable must be provided.

Party	Date for Service	Date Calculated
Plaintiff(s)	25 working days from date of last pleading (as defined in r 7.4(3)(a)) (r 7.4(4)(a))	1 September 2026
Defendant(s)	45 working days from date evidence and draft chronology served by plaintiff (r 7.4(4)(b))	4 November 2026
Plaintiff/counterclaim defendant - if affirmative defence or counterclaim	25 working days from date evidence and draft chronology served by defendant(s) (r 7.4(4)(c))	9 December 2026
Third Party(ies)	45 working days from date evidence and draft chronology served by defendant (r 7.4(6)(b)).	N/A
Fourth Party(ies)	45 working days from date evidence and draft chronology served by defendant (r 7.4(6)(b)).	N/A

NB: the calculated dates above take the date of the last pleading for the purposes of r 7.4(3)(a) as 28 July 2026, being the date of the reply to the statement of defence.

For plaintiff's counsel, or plaintiff (if acting in person), to confirm before filing with the Registry:

Before filing this Proceeding Timeline, I have conferred with counsel for the other party/parties, (or with the other party/parties directly if they are not represented) and either:

a)	confirm that they accept the dates calculated for the exchange of factual evidence, draft chronologies and additional documents above, or	To be filled out following conferral
b)	a joint memorandum is filed together with this Timeline (with any differences set out) seeking directions	

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