

2026 No. 0000

COUNTY COURTS

**The County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland)
2026**

Made - - - - *00th xxx 2026*

Coming into operation *00th xxx 2026*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 22(1) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(a), after consultation with the Lady Chief Justice, makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and comes into operation on xx xxx 2026.

Increase of financial limits of civil jurisdiction of county courts

- 2.—(1) The County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 10 (general civil jurisdiction)—
- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£30,000” substitute “£60,000”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “£3,000” substitute “£10,000”.
- (3) In Article 30(1) (general civil jurisdiction exercisable by district judges) for “£10,000” substitute “£20,000”.

Revocation

3. The entry relating to Article 10(2) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 in the Schedule to the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 is revoked(b).

4. Article 2 of the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013(c) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 00th xxx 2026

Name
Minister of Justice

(a) S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)
(b) S.R. 1993 No. 282
(c) S.R. 2013 No. 18

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the general civil jurisdiction of county courts in Northern Ireland from £30,000 to £60,000, increases the general civil jurisdiction of county courts to hear any action claiming damages in respect of libel or slander from £3,000 to £10,000 and increases the jurisdiction of district judges in the county courts from £10,000 to £20,000.