



محكمة قطر الدولية
ومركز تسوية المنازعات
QATAR INTERNATIONAL COURT
AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE

Practice Direction No. 2 of 2026 (Default Judgment)

Introduction

1. This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to article 38.2 of the Rules and Procedures (the ‘**Rules**’) of the QFC Civil and Commercial Court (the ‘**Court**’).
2. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to set out the practice and procedure relating to default judgment under article 22 of the Rules.

Default judgment

3. Default judgment is judgment issued without any hearing where the Defendant fails to file a Defence to a claim in accordance with article 20 of the Rules.
4. Where a Defendant fails to file a Defence, the Claimant may obtain default judgment by submitting a request to the Court in cases where a specified sum of money or a sum of money to be determined by the Court is sought. This must be done within 28 days of the time of the failure to file a Defence, subject to the Registrar’s power to extend.
5. Following a request for default judgment, the Court has a discretion as to whether to grant default judgment.

Requirements for Claimants seeking default judgment

6. From the date of this Practice Direction, Claimants seeking default judgment will be required to file a witness statement addressing the service of the claim under article 18 of the Rules along with the request for default judgment.
7. The witness statement shall contain the following information:
 - i. A list of the documentation served.
 - ii. The method of service relied upon.
 - iii. If service of the claim was at an address set out in article 18.3.2 of the Rules, the full address at which the claim was served, certifying whether the address is a home address, a registered or principal business address, or a National Address, and the reason why the address in question was selected.

- iv. If service was effected by Registered Post, certification that the address to which the claim was sent by Qatar Post (or other Registered Post) was the address set out at paragraph 7(iii), above, attaching a copy of the postal service document containing the address and tracking number.
 - v. If service was effected electronically under the rule in article 18.3.5 of the Rules, the email address to which the claim was sent, how that email address relates to the Defendant, and whether there was any response to the email serving the claim to indicate that it either had or had not been received by the Defendant.
 - vi. A signed statement of truth, and a date.
8. Absent a witness statement as set out in paragraph 7, above, default judgment will not be granted by the Court.

Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd

President of the QICDRC

23 June 2026