

HMCS and Tribunal Service to merge on 1 April 2011

With effect from 1 April 2011, Her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS) will merge with the Tribunals Service to form a new, single organisation: HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS), which will be responsible for all administration in courts and tribunals.

Lawyers should note that those wanting to pay court fees by cheque or postal order should make them payable to HM Courts and Tribunals Service or HMCTS (with effect from 1 April 2011). New court fees are coming into force on 4 April 2011, which will be published soon.

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