Advance notice of changes

Lodging appeals with the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division)

The Criminal Procedure Rules Committee has approved a change to Part 39 of the Rules that will require notice (Form NG) and grounds of appeal relating to appeals against conviction and sentence to be **lodged directly with the Criminal Appeal Office** and not the Crown Court.The Rule change is expected to come into effect **on 1 October 2018**.

In addition, as from 1 October 2018 the Criminal Procedure Rules require **separate Forms NG and separate grounds** to be completed for each substantive application.

New consolidated guidance, including details of the address for service and advice on completing Forms NG and grounds of appeal, will be published in time for 1 October 2018 on GOV.UK and incorporated into the Criminal Practice Directions.

In the meantime, appeals should continue to be lodged at the Crown Court.