
CASE 1381/7/7/21 JUSTIN LE PATOUREL (THE "PROPOSED CLASS REPRESENTATIVE") V BT GROUP PLC AND BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLC ("BT")

Message regarding claims on behalf of deceased Class Members

The Proposed Class Representative, Justin Le Patourel, considers that the estates of deceased Class Members falling within the definition of the Proposed Class (see "*Summary of the Proposed Class*" below) are included within the claim against BT.

When the claim against BT was filed on 15 January 2021, an [expert economic report](#) was filed alongside the Claim Form. This expert economic report (the "**Expert Report**") specifically included the estates of deceased Class Members within the calculation of the damages owed by BT. It is therefore considered by Justin le Patourel that the estates of Class Members who fall within the class definition but who are no longer alive are included within the claim against BT.

The Competition Appeal Tribunal (the "**Tribunal**") is currently considering the issue of the estates of deceased class members within another claim, *Walter Merricks v Mastercard*. The issue is therefore currently before the Tribunal and judgment on this issue is awaited. However, it is the intention of CALL and Justin le Patourel that the estates of deceased Class Members are included within the claim against BT and the definition of the Proposed Class and the Expert Report were drafted accordingly.

On that basis, personal representatives of the estates of deceased Class Members should therefore note that they are entitled to certain rights relating to the CPO Hearing listed for 24-25 June 2021 ([See CPO Application and Hearing Notice](#)) These rights include:

- The right to object to the application or the authorisation of Proposed Class Representative by 4pm on 23 April 2021.

If you wish to file an objection, you must write to the Tribunal stating your reasons for objecting and send it by post, so it is received by no later than 4pm on 23 April 2021 to the following address:

The Registrar Competition Appeal Tribunal
Salisbury Square House
8 Salisbury Square
London EC4Y 8AP

When writing to the Tribunal you must include reference to "**Proposed collective claim (Justin Le Patourel) against BT Group plc and British Telecommunications plc, Case No. 1381/7/7/21**"

- The right to apply to make oral or written submissions to the tribunal by 4pm on 23 April 2021.

Any such request to make submissions must be sent to the Tribunal in writing to the address above, supported by reasons, so it is received by no later than 4pm on 23 April 2021.

When writing to the Tribunal you must include reference to “**Proposed collective claim (Justin Le Patourel) against BT Group plc and British Telecommunications plc, Case No. 1381/7/7/21**”

Further details on how to sign up for updates, object or apply to make submissions are available at www.callclaim.co.uk. You may also call the freephone number 0333 212 1617 to receive more information.

Summary of the Proposed Class

As explained above, it is the Proposed Class Representative's intention that the estates of deceased Class Members falling within the definition of the Proposed Class are included within the claim against BT.

The full definition of the Proposed Class is included within the [Claim Form](#) (as filed at the Competition Appeal Tribunal on 15 January 2021). The class definition at paragraph 75 is: “*all persons domiciled in the United Kingdom (except in the Hull Area) who, during the Claim Period, bought a BT Standalone Fixed Voice Service except for the Excluded Services*” with defined terms at paragraphs 76 - 78. As summarised on the [FAQ page](#) of callclaim.co.uk, the Proposed Class includes the following:

- 'Landline-Only Customers. These are customers who had a BT landline service between October 2015 and April 2018, but did not receive a broadband service (from BT or any other provider).
- AND
- 'Unbundled Customers'. These are customers who had a BT landline service and also a broadband service (from BT or any other provider), any time between October 2015 and today, but who did not 'bundle' these services together into a single, discounted package.

The Proposed Class does not include any of the following:

- Customers who took a BT landline service aimed at business users
- Customers who took BT Basic or BT Home Phone Saver (as BT priced these products separately).
- Customers in the Hull area (as BT does not provide telecom services here).
- Customers overcharged by BT prior to October 2015
- Officers, directors or employees of BT.

For further explanation of the claim, Mr Le Patourel, the hearing on 24 – 25 June and the definition of the Proposed Class, please see the [FAQ page](#) at callclaim.co.uk, the [CPO Application and Hearing Notice](#)) and the [Claim Form](#).