

IN THE [COURT NAME]

CASE NO: [XXXXXXX]

Between: [Claimant/Plaintiff Name]

(Claimant/Plaintiff)

And: [Defendant Name]

(Defendant)

STATEMENT OF DEFENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Defendant, [Defendant Name], in response to the claim filed by the Claimant, [Claimant Name], states as follows:

2. RESPONSE TO PARTICULARS OF CLAIM

- The Defendant admits paragraph(s) [X] of the Particulars of Claim.
- The Defendant denies paragraph(s) [Y] of the Particulars of Claim and puts the Claimant to strict proof thereof.
- The Defendant neither admits nor denies paragraph(s) [Z] and require the Claimant to prove the same.

3. STATEMENT OF FACTS

[Set out, in numbered paragraphs, the facts as the Defendant understands them. For example:]

- On or about [date], the Defendant [describe event or agreement].
- At no time did the Defendant [briefly describe what is disputed].
- [Continue with relevant and material facts relating to the defence.]

4. GROUNDS OF DEFENCE

[Set out the legal basis and argument for disputing the claim. For example:]

- The Defendant denies liability for the reasons set out above.
- Alternatively, if liable, the amount claimed is excessive and unsubstantiated.
- [Add any counterclaims or special defences]

5. RELIEF SOUGHT

The Defendant respectfully requests the Honourable Court to dismiss the claim against [him/her/it], with costs, and for any other relief the Court deems appropriate.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Name: [Defendant Name]

[Defendant's Advocate, if any]

Address for Service: [Insert Address]

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- This is a general sample; adapt language and structure as required by your jurisdiction's court rules.
- Ensure all factual statements are true and accurate; false statements may have legal consequences.
- Submit within the time limit prescribed by court rules to avoid default judgment.

- Consider seeking legal advice before filing your defence.
- Attach all relevant documents referred to in the defence.