

Rule 212.1. When an Action is at Issue.

A. When an action is at issue the Prothonotary shall notify the assigned judge and forward the file to chambers.

An action is at issue as follows:

1. Expedited track: All Magisterial Judges and Arbitration appeals. Any case in the expedited track will be deemed at issue 120 days after the close of the pleadings.

2. Standard track: All other cases that are not in the expedited track or complex track. Any case in the standard track will be deemed at issue 180 days after the close of the pleadings.

3. Complex track: Cases will be considered complex if all parties agree or by order of Court.

a. If all parties agree that the case is complex, they shall file with the Prothonotary a certification signed by all parties.

b. If the assigned judge deems that the case is complex an appropriate order shall be filed.

c. Any case in the complex track will be deemed at issue 365 days after the close of pleadings.

B. Absent compelling reasons, an action that is at issue must have all discovery completed, except for the exchange of expert reports.

C. When an action is at issue the trial judge shall give notice to the parties in conformance with Pa.R.C.P. No. 212.1 (a). Thereafter, the parties shall proceed in accordance with the time periods of Pa.R.C.P. No. 212.1 (b).