

# Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

#### PART 2

ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

## **CHAPTER 2**

INTERNAL STRUCTURE

Structure of First-tier Tribunal

## 20 Chambers in the Tribunal

- (1) The First-tier Tribunal is to be organised into a number of chambers, having regard to—
  - (a) the different subject-matters falling within the Tribunal's jurisdiction, and
  - (b) any other factors relevant in relation to the exercise of the Tribunal's functions.
- (2) Accordingly, the Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for and in connection with—
  - (a) the organisation of the Tribunal as required by subsection (1),
  - (b) the allocation of the Tribunal's functions between the chambers.

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 20 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

#### 21 Chamber Presidents

- (1) Each chamber of the First-tier Tribunal is to have—
  - (a) a single Chamber President to preside over the chamber, or
  - (b) two Chamber Presidents to preside over the chamber.

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- (2) A Chamber President may not preside over more than one chamber of the Tribunal at the same time.
- (3) In this Act—
  - (a) a reference to a Chamber President in the First-tier Tribunal is to a Chamber President of a chamber of the Tribunal,
  - (b) where a chamber of the Tribunal has two Chamber Presidents, a reference to a Chamber President of such a chamber is to either or both of them (as the context requires).

#### **Commencement Information**

I2 S. 21 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

## 22 Appointment to post

- (1) It is for the Scottish Ministers to make an appointment of a Chamber President to that position.
- (2) Before making an appointment under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Lord President (including as to the person to be appointed).
- (3) A person is eligible for appointment under subsection (1) only if the person is—
  - (a) a legal member of the Upper Tribunal, or
  - (b) if not falling within paragraph (a), eligible to be appointed as such a member of the Tribunal (whether or not already any type of member of the First-tier or Upper Tribunal).
- (4) An appointment made under subsection (1) is for the Chamber President to preside over a particular chamber of the Tribunal.

#### **Commencement Information**

I3 S. 22 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

## Structure of Upper Tribunal

#### 23 Divisions of the Tribunal

- (1) The Upper Tribunal is to be organised into a number of divisions, having regard to—
  - (a) the different subject-matters falling within the Tribunal's jurisdiction, and
  - (b) any other factors relevant in relation to the exercise of the Tribunal's functions.
- (2) Accordingly, the Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for and in connection with—
  - (a) the organisation of the Tribunal as required by subsection (1),
  - (b) the allocation of the Tribunal's functions between the divisions.

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#### **Commencement Information**

I4 S. 23 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

#### 24 Vice-Presidents

- (1) Each division of the Upper Tribunal is to have—
  - (a) a single Vice-President to preside over the division, or
  - (b) two Vice-Presidents to preside over the division.
- (2) A Vice-President may not preside over more than one division of the Tribunal at the same time.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) are subject to section 25(1)(b).
- (4) In this Act—
  - (a) a reference to a Vice-President of the Upper Tribunal is to a Vice-President of a division of the Tribunal,
  - (b) where a division of the Tribunal has two Vice-Presidents, a reference to a Vice-President of such a division is to either or both of them (as the context requires).

## **Commencement Information**

IS S. 24 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

# 25 Assignment to post

- (1) The President of Tribunals may assign himself or herself—
  - (a) as a Vice-President of the Upper Tribunal,
  - (b) to preside over one or more than one division of the Tribunal.
- (2) Apart from the Lord President, any other judicial member of the Upper Tribunal may be assigned by the President of Tribunals—
  - (a) as a Vice-President of the Tribunal.
  - (b) to preside over a particular division of the Tribunal.
- (3) Assignment under subsection (1)—
  - (a) remains in effect until such time as the President of Tribunals may determine,
  - (b) does not affect the exercise by the President of Tribunals of the functions arising in that capacity.
- (4) Assignment under subsection (2)—
  - (a) requires—
    - (i) the Lord President's approval (including as to the judicial member to be assigned),
    - (ii) the assignee's agreement,
  - (b) remains in effect until such time as the President of Tribunals may determine (with such approval and agreement),

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(c) does not affect the exercise by the assignee of any other functions as respects the Scottish Tribunals.

## **Commencement Information**

I6 S. 25 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

## **26** Appointment to post

- (1) If requested to do so by the President of Tribunals, the Scottish Ministers may appoint a person as a Vice-President of the Upper Tribunal.
- (2) Before making an appointment under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Lord President (including as to the person to be appointed).
- (3) A person is eligible for appointment as a Vice-President only if the person is—
  - (a) a legal member of the Upper Tribunal, or
  - (b) if not falling within paragraph (a), eligible to be appointed as such a member of the Tribunal (whether or not already any type of member of the First-tier or Upper Tribunal).
- (4) An appointment made under subsection (1) is for the Vice-President to preside over a particular division of the Tribunal.

## **Commencement Information**

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