

# Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

#### PART 7

POWERS, PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

#### Particular matters

### **Hearings in cases**

- (1) Tribunal Rules may make provision about hearings in a case before the Scottish Tribunals.
- (2) Rules making provision as described in subsection (1) may (in particular)—
  - (a) provide for certain matters to be dealt with—
    - (i) without a hearing,
    - (ii) at a private hearing,
    - (iii) at a public hearing,
  - (b) require notice to be given of a hearing (and for the timing of such notice),
  - (c) specify persons who may—
    - (i) appear on behalf of a party in a case,
    - (ii) attend a hearing in order to provide support to a party or witness in a case
  - (d) specify circumstances in which particular persons may appear or be represented at a hearing,
  - (e) specify circumstances in which a hearing may go ahead—
    - (i) at the request of a party in a case despite no notice of it having been given to another party in the case,
    - (ii) in the absence of a particular member chosen to exercise the function of deciding any matter in a case,

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- (f) enable two or more sets of proceedings to be taken concurrently at a hearing in certain circumstances,
- (g) allow for an adjournment of a hearing for the purpose of giving the parties in a case an opportunity to use a process of negotiation, mediation, arbitration or adjudication for resolving a dispute to which the case relates,
- (h) allow for the imposition of reporting restrictions for particular reasons arising in a case.

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 72 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/116, art. 2

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