
DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No.

**The Civil Legal Services (Appeal)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

PART 1

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Legal Services (Appeal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on... April 2015.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“appeal panel” means an appeal panel constituted under Part 3;

“appellant” means a person who brings an appeal to an appeal panel under Part 2;

“applicant” means an individual who applies for civil legal services;

“civil legal services” has the meaning given by Article 10 of the Order;

“decision notice” has the meaning given by regulation 28;

“the Department” means the Department of Justice;

“the Director” means the Director of Legal Aid Casework designated by the Department under section 2 of the Legal Aid and Coroners’ Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(1);

“list” means a list of persons appointed by the Department under regulation 12 or 13;

“the Order” means the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003;

“other member” means a person appointed by the Department to the list of persons to act as other members of the appeal panels under regulation 13;

“out of jurisdiction appeal” means an appeal brought against a decision prescribed in regulation 5 and the Schedule as a decision against which no appeal lies;

“presiding member” means a person appointed by the Department to the list of persons to act as presiding members of the appeal panels under regulation 12;

“relevant decision” means a Director’s decision as referred to in regulation 4.

Service of notices or documents

3.—(1) Any notice or document that is required to be sent to an appellant or applicant, as the case may be, under these Regulations may be sent—

- (a) by post to the postal address given by the appellant or applicant as his address for service;
or
 - (b) by electronic mail.
- (2) Any document that is required to be sent to the Director under these Regulations may be sent—
- (a) by post or by personal delivery to an address specified by the Director; or
 - (b) by electronic mail.