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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1998 No. 1506

## The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

### PART II

#### DECISIONS AND APPEALS

##### CHAPTER I

##### GENERAL

##### *Appeals*

#### **Constitution of appeal tribunals**

**8.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an appeal tribunal shall consist of one, two or three members drawn by the President from the panel constituted under Article 7.

(2) The member, or (as the case may be) at least one member, of an appeal tribunal shall be a barrister or solicitor.

(3) Where an appeal tribunal has more than one member—

- (a) the President shall nominate one of the members as chairman;
- (b) decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes; and
- (c) unless regulations otherwise provide, the chairman shall have any casting vote.

(4) Where it appears to an appeal tribunal that a matter before it involves a question of fact of special difficulty, then, unless regulations otherwise provide, the tribunal may require one or more experts to provide assistance to it in dealing with the question.

(5) In paragraph (4) “expert” means a member of the panel constituted under Article 7 who appears to the appeal tribunal concerned to have knowledge or experience which would be relevant in determining the question of fact of special difficulty.

(6) Regulations shall make provision with respect to—

- (a) the composition of appeal tribunals;
- (b) the procedure to be followed in allocating cases among differently constituted tribunals; and
- (c) the manner in which expert assistance is to be given under paragraph (4).

(7) Schedule 1 shall have effect for supplementing this Article.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 12 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- power to am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s.87](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act amended by [1999 c. 10 s.1\(2\)Sch.1 paras.16\(r\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 7A and cross-heading inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 41\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 42](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 16\(2\)](#)