
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 315

Special Educational Needs Tribunal
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Part IV

Determination of Appeals

Failure of parties to attend hearing

27.—(1) If a party fails to attend or be represented at a hearing of which he has been duly notified, the tribunal may—

- (a) unless it is satisfied that there is sufficient reason for such absence, hear and determine the appeal in the party's absence; or
- (b) adjourn the hearing.

(2) Before disposing of an appeal in the absence of a party, the tribunal shall consider any representations in writing submitted by that party in response to the notice of hearing and, for the purpose of this regulation the notice of appeal, any reply by the board under regulation 12 or 13 and any response by the parent under regulation 8 shall be treated as representations in writing.