
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 165

Industrial Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Overriding objective

9.—(1) The overriding objective of the rules in Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 is to enable tribunals to deal with cases justly.

(2) Dealing with a case justly includes, so far as practicable –

- (a) ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing;
- (b) saving expense;
- (c) dealing with the case in ways which are proportionate to the complexity of the issues; and
- (d) ensuring that it is dealt with expeditiously and fairly.

(3) A tribunal shall seek to give effect to the overriding objective when it –

- (a) exercises any power given to it by the rules in Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; or
- (b) interprets any rule in Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(4) The parties shall assist the tribunal to further the overriding objective.