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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2018 No. 44**

**The Valuation Tribunal (Amendment)  
Rules (Northern Ireland) 2018**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Valuation Tribunal (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2018 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2018.

**Amendment to the Valuation Tribunal Rules (Northern Ireland) 2007**

2. The Valuation Tribunal Rules (Northern Ireland) 2007(1) shall be amended in accordance with rules 3 to 8.

3. In rule 2(1) (*Interpretation*)—

- (a) omit the definitions of “the 2007 Regulations”, “the 2010 (Energy Efficiency Homes Scheme) Regulations” and “the 2010 (Low-Carbon Homes Scheme) Regulations”;
- (b) after the definition of “the 2011 Act” insert—  
““the 2017 Regulations” means the Rate Relief Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(2);”;
- (c) in the definition of “appeal”—
  - (i) omit paragraphs (b), (d) and (e); and
  - (ii) after paragraph (f) insert—  
“or  
(g) regulation 18(1) of the 2017 Regulations;”;
- (d) in the definition of “respondent” for paragraph (a) substitute—  
“(a) in relation to an appeal under Article 13(3) or 31A(12B) of, or paragraph 9 of Schedule 8B to, the 1977 Order or regulation 18(1) of the 2017 Regulations, means the Department;”.

4. In rule 4 (*Composition of tribunals*)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “and (4)” substitute “, (4) and (5)”;
- (b) for paragraph (3) substitute—  
“(3) Any proceedings may, with the consent of the parties, be considered and determined—
  - (a) in the absence of any one member other than the chairman; or
  - (b) by the chairman alone,whether or not the parties have subsequently withdrawn their consent.”; and

- (c) after paragraph (4) insert—
  - “(5) In relation to an appeal under regulation 18(1) of the 2017 Regulations, rule 4(1) (b) does not apply.”.
- 5. In rule 5 (*Notice of appeal*)—
  - (a) omit paragraphs (d), (f) and (g); and
  - (b) after paragraph (i)—
    - (i) for “.” substitute “,”; and
    - (ii) insert—
      - “(j) an appeal under regulation 18(1) of the 2017 Regulations shall be instituted by delivering to the Secretary a notice of appeal in accordance with Form 10 within three months of the Department issuing the notice under regulation 17(3).”.
- 6. In rule 9 (*General power to manage proceedings*)—
  - (a) at the beginning of paragraph (1) omit “The” and insert “Subject to paragraph (2A), the”;
  - (b) after paragraph (2) insert—
    - “(2A) The time limit for instituting an appeal in accordance with regulation 18(1) of the 2017 Regulations shall not be extended,”; and
  - (c) in paragraph (6) for “paragraph (1)(c)” substitute “paragraph (2)(c)”.
- 7. In rule 22(1) (*Case stated for the Court of Appeal*)—
  - (a) after paragraph (a) insert “or”; and
  - (b) omit paragraphs (b), (d) and (e).
- 8. In the Schedule—
  - (a) omit forms 4, 6 and 7; and
  - (b) after Form 9, insert the form set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 8th March 2018



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