



# Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

## 1992 CHAPTER 8

### PART II

#### ADJUDICATION

##### *Adjudication by adjudication officers*

#### **19 Decision of adjudication officer**

- (1) An adjudication officer to whom a claim or question is submitted under section 18 above (other than a claim which under section 28(12) or (13) or 33(7) below falls to be treated as an application for a review) shall take it into consideration and, so far as practicable, dispose of it, in accordance with this section, and with procedure regulations under section 57 below, within 14 days of its submission to him.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) and section 35 below, the adjudication officer may decide a claim or question himself or refer it to a social security appeal tribunal.
- (3) The adjudication officer must decide a claim for or question relating to an attendance allowance, a disability living allowance or a disability working allowance himself.
- (4) Where an adjudication officer refers a question as to, or in connection with, entitlement to statutory sick pay or statutory maternity pay to a social security appeal tribunal, the employee and employer concerned shall each be given notice in writing of the reference.
- (5) In any other case notice in writing of the reference shall be given to the claimant.
- (6) Where—
  - (a) a case has been referred to a social security appeal tribunal (“the tribunal”); and

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- (b) the claimant makes a further claim which raises the same or similar questions;  
and
  - (c) that further claim is referred to the tribunal by the adjudication officer,
- then the tribunal may proceed to determine the further claim whether or not notice has been given under subsection (4) or (5) above.