
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 1976

**The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal)
(General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009**

PART 1

Introduction

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1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009 and come into force on 1st September 2009.

(2) These Rules apply to proceedings before the Tribunal which have been allocated to the General Regulatory Chamber by the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Chambers) Order 2008(1).

(3) In these Rules—

“the 2007 Act” means the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007;

“appellant” means a person who—

- (a) commences Tribunal proceedings, whether by making an appeal, an application, a claim, a complaint, a reference or otherwise; or
- (b) is added or substituted as an appellant under rule 9 (addition, substitution and removal of parties);

“charities case” means an appeal or application in respect of a decision, order or direction of the Charity Commission, or a reference under Schedule 1D of the Charities Act 1993;

“document” means anything in which information is recorded in any form, and an obligation under these Rules or any practice direction or direction to provide or allow access to a document or a copy of a document for any purpose means, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise, an obligation to provide or allow access to such document or copy in a legible form or in a form which can be readily made into a legible form;

“General Regulatory Chamber” means the General Regulatory Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal established by the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Chambers) Order 2008;

“hearing” means an oral hearing and includes a hearing conducted in whole or in part by video link, telephone or other means of instantaneous two-way electronic communication;

“notice of appeal” means a document which starts proceedings;

“party” means—

- (a) a person who is an appellant or a respondent;

(1) *S.I. 2008/2684*. Article 5B was inserted by the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Chambers) (Amendment No.3) Order 2009 (*S.I. 2009/1590*).

- (b) if the proceedings have been concluded, a person who was an appellant or a respondent when the Tribunal finally disposed of all issues in the proceedings;

“practice direction” means a direction given under section 23 of the 2007 Act;

“respondent” means—

- (a) in proceedings appealing against or challenging a decision, direction or order, the person who made the decision, direction or order appealed against or challenged;
- (b) a person against whom an appellant otherwise brings proceedings; or
- (c) a person added or substituted as a respondent under rule 9 (addition, substitution and removal of parties);

“transport case” means proceedings under the Road Traffic Act 1988⁽²⁾, the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988⁽³⁾, the Greater London Authority Act 1999⁽⁴⁾, the Postal Services Act 2000⁽⁵⁾, the Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) Regulations 2007⁽⁶⁾ and the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007⁽⁷⁾;

“Tribunal” means the First-tier Tribunal.

(2) 1988 c. 52.
(3) 1988 c. 53.
(4) 1999 c. 29.
(5) 2000 c. 26.
(6) S.I. 2007/605.
(7) S.I. 2007/2781.