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# THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TRIBUNAL FOR WALES REGULATIONS 2012

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- 2. Interpretation
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- 10. Establishment of tribunal panels
- 11. Membership of tribunal panel

# PART B

# SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS APPEALS AND DISABILITY CLAIMS

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- 50. Late written evidence
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**Explanatory Note**