

SCHEDULE 3

(introduced by section 32)

APPOINTMENT TO FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL

PART 1

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Appointment and eligibility

- 1 (1) It is for the Scottish Ministers to appoint a person as an ordinary member of the First-tier Tribunal.
- (2) A person is eligible for such appointment only if the person meets such relevant criteria as are prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.
- 2 In paragraph 1(2), “relevant criteria” includes criteria as to qualifications, experience and training.

PART 2

LEGAL MEMBERS

Application of Part

- 3 (1) This schedule Part applies in relation to appointment of the legal members of the First-tier Tribunal other than—
 - (a) a Chamber President in the Tribunal, or
 - (b) a Deputy Chamber President in the Tribunal.
- (2) The references in this schedule Part to a legal member of the First-tier Tribunal are to be read accordingly.

Appointment and eligibility

- 4 (1) It is for the Scottish Ministers to appoint a person as a legal member of the First-tier Tribunal.
- (2) A person is eligible for such appointment only if qualifying under paragraph 5(1) or (2).
- 5 (1) A person qualifies under this sub-paragraph if the person is practising, and has practised for a period of not less than 5 years, as a solicitor or advocate in Scotland.
- (2) A person qualifies under this sub-paragraph if the person falls within a description specified by the Scottish Ministers by regulations.

Eligibility under regulations

- 6 (1) Regulations under paragraph 5(2) may specify a description of a person by reference to the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4).
- (2) That is—

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- (a) current practice as a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) engagement in practice as such for a period of not less than 5 years.
- (3) That is—
- (a) previous engagement in practice for a period of not less than 5 years, as—
 - (i) a solicitor or advocate in Scotland, or
 - (ii) a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) subsequent engagement in any of the activities listed in sub-paragraph (5).
- (4) That is, suitability attributable to experience in law through current or previous engagement in—
- (a) any of the activities listed in sub-paragraph (5),
 - (b) an activity that is of a broadly similar nature to any of the activities listed in that sub-paragraph.
- (5) The activities are—
- (a) exercising judicial functions in any court or tribunal,
 - (b) practice or employment as a lawyer of any kind,
 - (c) whether or not in the course of practice or employment as a lawyer—
 - (i) advising on the application of the law,
 - (ii) drafting documents intended to affect rights or obligations under the law,
 - (iii) assisting persons involved in a legal or other process for the resolution of disputes as to the law,
 - (iv) acting as a mediator or arbitrator for the purpose of resolving disputes that are (or could be) the matter of legal proceedings,
 - (d) teaching or researching law at or for an educational institution.
- 7 (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision—
- (a) as regards the calculation of the 5-year period mentioned in paragraph 5(1) or 6(2)(b) or (3)(a) (for example, by reference to recent or continuous time),
 - (b) to which paragraph 6(3)(a) is subject (for example, by reference to debarment from practice),
 - (c) for the purpose of paragraph 6(4), about—
 - (i) the criteria for suitability (for example, by reference to equivalence to past or present practice as a solicitor),
 - (ii) the nature of experience required (for example, by reference to engagement for a particular period of time (within the United Kingdom or elsewhere)).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the list in paragraph 6(5).