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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2005 No. 339**

**Special Educational Needs and Disability  
Tribunal Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

**PART I  
GENERAL**

**Interpretation**

**2. In these Regulations—**

“the 1996 Order” means the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

“the 2005 Order” means the Special Educational Needs and Disability (Northern Ireland) Order 2005;

“appeal” means an appeal to the Tribunal under Part II of and Schedule 2 to the 1996 Order;

“the board” means the education and library board which made the disputed decision;

“the case statement period” means the period specified in the notice given under regulation 28(1), including any extension ordered by the President under regulation 60(1);

“chairman’s panel” means a panel of persons appointed under Article 22(2)(b) of the 1996 Order who may serve as chairman of the Tribunal;

“child” means the child in respect of whom an appeal or claim is brought;

“the child’s statement” means the statement of special educational needs relating to the child made under Article 16 of the 1996 Order;

“claim” means a claim to the Tribunal under Article 22 of the 2005 Order;

“the clerk to the tribunal” means the person appointed by the Secretary of the Tribunal to act in that capacity at one or more hearings;

“the disputed decision” means the decision or determination in respect of which an appeal is brought;

“hearing” means a sitting of the Tribunal constituted for the purpose of receiving evidence, hearing addresses and witnesses or doing anything lawfully requisite to enable the Tribunal to reach a decision on any question;

“lay panel” means a panel of persons appointed under Article 22(2)(c) of the 1996 Order who may serve as the other two members of a Tribunal apart from the chairman;

“parent” means a parent who has made or who may make an appeal to the Tribunal under the 1996 Order or a claim under the 2005 Order;

“records” means the records of the Tribunal;

“the Secretary of the Tribunal” means the person for the time being acting as the Secretary of the office of the Tribunal;

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“the Tribunal” means the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal for Northern Ireland but where the President has determined pursuant to regulation 4(1) that the jurisdiction of the Tribunal is to be exercised by more than one tribunal, it means, in relation to any proceedings, the tribunal to which the proceedings have been referred by the President;

“working day” means, except in regulation 38, any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, any day from 25th December to 1st January (both dates inclusive), a public holiday or a day in August;

“written evidence” includes evidence recorded in any way.