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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 V

DETERMINATION OF APPEALS AND CLAIMS

**Failure of parties to attend a hearing**

**41.**—(1) If a party fails to attend or be represented at a hearing of which he had been duly notified, the tribunal may—

- (a) unless it is satisfied that there is sufficient reason for such absence, hear and determine the appeal or the claim in the party's absence; or
- (b) adjourn the hearing.

(2) Before disposing of an appeal or a claim in the absence of a party, the tribunal shall consider any representations in writing submitted by that party in response to the notice of hearing and, for the purpose of this regulation the notice of appeal or claim and the parties' statements of their cases shall be treated as representations in writing.