## SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2013 No. 63

## The Police Appeals Tribunals (Scotland) Rules 2013

## Notice of hearing

**9.**—(1) Where one or both parties request an oral hearing in accordance with rule 8, the Registrar must, with due regard to the convenience of the parties, fix the time and place of the hearing and, not less than 21 days before the date so fixed (or such shorter time as the parties agree), send to each party a notice that the hearing is to be at such time and such place.

(2) The hearing of the appeal must be fixed so as to commence not later than 6 months after the date on which the Registrar received the notice of appeal under rule 5.

- (3) The Registrar must include with the notice of hearing—
  - (a) information and guidance as to attendance at the hearing of the parties and witnesses and the right to be represented as specified in section 57(3) of the 2012 Act;
  - (b) a statement of the right of the parties to ask for and to receive reasons in writing for a decision of the tribunal; and
  - (c) a statement explaining the possible consequences of non-attendance and of the right of an appellant, and of any respondent who has presented a reply, who does not attend and is not represented, to make representations in writing.

(4) Subject to paragraph (2), the tribunal may alter the time and place of the hearing and the Registrar must give the parties not less than 7 days' (or such shorter time as the parties agree) notice of any such alteration; but any altered hearing date must not (unless the parties agree) be before the date notified under paragraph (1).