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PART 3 DECISION MAKING CHAPTER 2 REVISION

Late application for a revision

- 15.—(1) The time limit for making an application for a revision specified in regulation 14(1)(a) (grounds for revision) may be extended where the conditions specified in the following provisions of this regulation are satisfied.
- (2) An application for an extension of time must be made by one of the parties or their authorised representative.
- (3) An application for an extension of time must contain particulars of the grounds on which the extension is sought and must contain sufficient details of the decision which it is sought to have revised to enable that decision to be identified.
- (4) An application for an extension of time may not be granted unless the applicant satisfies the Secretary of State that—
 - (a) it is reasonable to grant the application;
 - (b) the application for revision has merit; and
 - (c) special circumstances are relevant to the application and because of those special circumstances it was not practicable for the application to be made within the time limit specified in regulation 14(1)(a).
- (5) In determining whether it is reasonable to grant an application for an extension of time, the Secretary of State must have regard to the principle that the greater the amount of time that has elapsed between the end of the time specified in regulation 14(1)(a) for applying for a revision and the making of the application for an extension of time, the more compelling should be the special circumstances on which the application is based.
- (6) In determining whether it is reasonable to grant the application for an extension of time, no account shall be taken of the following—
 - (a) that the applicant, or any person acting for the applicant, was unaware of or misunderstood the law applicable to the case (including ignorance or misunderstanding of the time limits imposed by these Regulations); or
 - (b) that the Upper Tribunal or a court has taken a different view of the law from that previously understood and applied.
- (7) An application under this regulation for an extension of time which has been refused may not be renewed.