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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 560**

**The Teachers' Disciplinary (England) Regulations 2012**

**Proceedings of a professional conduct panel**

7.—(1) A professional conduct panel must consider cases referred to it by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5) and regulations 9 to 11.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a professional conduct panel must determine all cases following a hearing.

(3) A professional conduct panel may determine a case without a hearing at the written request of the teacher who is the subject of the case.

(4) Where the professional conduct panel does not find the case proved, the Secretary of State must at the request of the teacher publish a statement to that effect.

(5) Where a professional conduct panel finds the teacher —

(a) to have been guilty of unacceptable professional conduct or conduct that may bring the teaching profession into disrepute; or

(b) to have been convicted (at any time) of a relevant offence,

the panel must make a recommendation to the Secretary of State as to whether a prohibition order should be made.