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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 9B

#### VALUATION TRIBUNAL

**F1** Sch. 9B inserted (23.11.2006 for certain purposes, otherwise 1.4.2007) by Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2954 (N.I. 18)), arts. 1(3), 29(2), **Sch. 1**; S.R. 2006/464, **art. 2(1)(4)**, Sch. 1

#### *Introductory*

1.—(1) In this Schedule—

“rules” means rules made under paragraph 7;

“the Tribunal” means the Valuation Tribunal.

(2) <sup>F2</sup> .....

**F2** Sch. 9B para. 1(2) omitted (12.4.2010) by virtue of Northern Ireland Act 2009 (c. 3), ss. 2(3), 5(7), **Sch. 4 para. 9(2)**; S.I. 2010/812, **art. 2**

#### *Members*

2.—(1) The Tribunal shall consist of the President and the other members of the Tribunal.

(2) The [<sup>F3</sup>Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission] shall appoint—

(a) a President of the Tribunal;

(b) other members of the Tribunal who must include—

(i) legal members;

(ii) members who have had experience in the valuation of land; and

(iii) ordinary members.

(3) A person may be appointed as the President or as a legal member of the Tribunal only if he is a barrister or solicitor of at least seven years' standing.

(4) The Lord Chief Justice may designate a legal member of the Tribunal to carry out the functions of the President when he is unable to act or when the office is vacant.

**F3** Words in Sch. 9B para. 2(2) substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 2009 (c. 3), ss. 2(3), 5(7), **Sch. 4 para. 9(3)**; S.I. 2010/812, **art. 2**

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the members of the Tribunal shall hold and vacate office as such in accordance with the terms of their respective appointments.

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<sup>F4</sup>(1A) The terms mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) are to be determined by the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission with the agreement of the [<sup>F5</sup>Department of Justice].]

(2) A person holding office as a member of the Tribunal may resign that office by giving notice in writing to the [<sup>F6</sup>Commission].

<sup>F7</sup>(3) .....

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a member of the Tribunal who ceases to hold office is eligible for re-appointment.

<b>F4</b>	Sch. 9B para. 3(1A) inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 2009 (c. 3), ss. 2(3), 5(7), <b>Sch. 4 para. 9(4)</b> ; S.I. 2010/812, <b>art. 2</b>
<b>F5</b>	Words in Sch. 9B para. 3(1A) substituted (12.4.2010) by Department of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 3), ss. 1(5), 3(2), <b>Sch. para. 4</b> ; S.R. 2010/147, <b>art. 2(2)</b>
<b>F6</b>	Word in Sch. 9B para. 3(2) substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 2009 (c. 3), ss. 2(3), 5(7), <b>Sch. 4 para. 9(5)</b> ; S.I. 2010/812, <b>art. 2</b>
<b>F7</b>	Sch. 9B para. 3(3) omitted (10.3.2022) by virtue of Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 (c. 7), s. 131(1)(4)(a), <b>Sch. 1 para. 46</b>

*Remuneration etc.*

[<sup>F8</sup>4. The [<sup>F9</sup>Department of Justice] may pay to the members of the Tribunal such remuneration and allowances as that department may determine.]

<b>F8</b>	Sch. 9B para. 4 substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 2009 (c. 3), ss. 2(3), 5(7), <b>Sch. 4 para. 9(7)</b> ; S.I. 2010/812, <b>art. 2</b>
<b>F9</b>	Words in Sch. 9B para. 4 substituted (12.4.2010) by Department of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 3), ss. 1(5), 3(2), <b>Sch. para. 4</b> ; S.R. 2010/147, <b>art. 2(2)</b>

*Sittings*

5. The Tribunal shall sit at such times and in such places as the President may direct in accordance with general arrangements made by the Lord Chancellor.

*Tribunals*

6. The jurisdiction of the Tribunal may be exercised by a single tribunal or by two or more tribunals if the President so directs.

*Rules*

- 7.—(1) The Lord Chancellor may make rules—
  - (a) regulating the exercise of a right of appeal to the Tribunal;
  - (b) about practice and procedure in relation to proceedings before the Tribunal.
- (2) Nothing in paragraphs 8 to 13 affects the generality of sub-paragraph (1).
- (3) Rules made under this paragraph shall be subject to [<sup>F10</sup>negative resolution].

<b>F10</b>	Words in Sch. 9B para. 7(3) substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 15(5), <b>Sch. 18 para. 113(2)</b> (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, <b>art. 1(2)</b>
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- 8.** Rules may include provision—
- (a) determining by which tribunal any appeal is to be determined where the jurisdiction of the Tribunal is being exercised by more than one tribunal;
  - (b) providing that the chairman of any such tribunal must be the President or a legal member;
  - (c) determining which members of the Tribunal are to hear any appeal;
  - (d) enabling functions of the Tribunal specified in the rules to be discharged by such person as may be determined by or under the rules.
- 9.** Rules may include provision—
- (a) specifying the procedure to be followed for initiating an appeal (including the time within which an appeal must be brought);
  - (b) authorising an appeal to be disposed of with the consent of the parties on the basis of written representations;
  - (c) specifying the procedure to be followed before the hearing of an appeal;
  - (d) authorising an appeal to be withdrawn in circumstances specified in the rules.
- 10.** Rules may include provision that, subject to any other provision of the rules, the Tribunal may regulate its own procedure.
- 11.—(1)** Rules may include provision—
- (a) for requiring hearings of appeals to take place in public except in circumstances specified in the rules;
  - (b) for parties to the appeal to be represented by such persons as may be determined by or under the rules;
  - (c) for authorising hearings of appeals to proceed in the absence of a party or parties to the appeal in circumstances specified in the rules;
  - (d) for requiring persons to attend to give evidence and produce documents;
  - (e) as to evidence generally (whether written evidence or oral evidence given under oath or affirmation);
  - (f) as to the adjournment of hearings.
- (2) Any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any requirement imposed by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(d) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.
- 12.** Rules may include provision—
- (a) that where two or more members of a tribunal are acting the decision of the majority is to prevail or, if the votes are equal, the chairman is to have a casting vote;
  - (b) requiring reasons for a decision to be given;
  - (c) authorising a decision to be given orally or in writing;
  - (d) authorising or requiring an order to be made in consequence of a decision;
  - (e) that an order may require a valuation list to be altered;
  - (f) enabling the Tribunal to review its decisions, or to vary or revoke an order of the Tribunal, in such circumstances as may be determined in accordance with the rules.
- 13.** Rules may include provision—
- (a) for the registration and proof of decisions and orders of the Tribunal;
  - (b) authorising the correction of clerical errors in records of decisions and orders;

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(c) requiring decisions, orders and corrections to be communicated to the parties to appeals.

*Directions*

**14.** The President may, subject to rules, give directions about the practice and procedure of the Tribunal.]

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- [art. 7\(6\)\(7\)](#) added by [S.I. 2006/2954 \(N.I.\) art. 4](#)