



Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 15

PART 1

TRIBUNALS AND INQUIRIES

CHAPTER 2

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL AND UPPER TRIBUNAL

Members and composition of tribunals

4 Judges and other members of the First-tier Tribunal

- (1) A person is a judge of the First-tier Tribunal if the person—
- (a) is a judge of the First-tier Tribunal by virtue of appointment under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2,
 - (b) is a transferred-in judge of the First-tier Tribunal (see section 31(2)),
 - (c) is a judge of the Upper Tribunal,
 - [^{F1}(ca) is within section 6A,]
 - (d) ^{F2} . . . or
 - (e) is a member of a panel of [^{F3}Employment Judges].
- (2) A person is also a judge of the First-tier Tribunal, but only as regards functions of the tribunal in relation to appeals such as are mentioned in subsection (1) of section 5 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995 (c. 53), if the person is an adjudicator appointed under that section by the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) A person is one of the other members of the First-tier Tribunal if the person—
- (a) is a member of the First-tier Tribunal by virtue of appointment under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2,

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- (b) is a transferred-in other member of the First-tier Tribunal (see section 31(2)),
 - (c) is one of the other members of the Upper Tribunal, or
 - (d) is a member of a panel of members of employment tribunals that is not a panel of [^{F4}Employment Judges].
- (4) Schedule 2—
- contains provision for the appointment of persons to be judges or other members of the First-tier Tribunal, and
 - makes further provision in connection with judges and other members of the First-tier Tribunal.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4(1)(ca) inserted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 14 para. 7](#); S.I. 2013/2200, art. 3(g)
- F2** Words in s. 4(1)(d) omitted (15.2.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/21\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 38](#) (with Sch. 4)
- F3** Words in s. 4(1)(e) substituted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 14 para. 13\(1\)](#); S.I. 2013/2200, art. 3(g)
- F4** Words in s. 4(3)(d) substituted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 14 para. 13\(1\)](#); S.I. 2013/2200, art. 3(g)

5 Judges and other members of the Upper Tribunal

- (1) A person is a judge of the Upper Tribunal if the person—
- (a) is the Senior President of Tribunals,
 - (b) is a judge of the Upper Tribunal by virtue of appointment under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 3,
 - (c) is a transferred-in judge of the Upper Tribunal (see section 31(2)),
 - [^{F5}(ca) is a judge of the First-tier Tribunal,]
 - (d) ^{F6}
 - (e) is the Chief Social Security Commissioner, or any other Social Security Commissioner, appointed under section 50(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8),
 - (f) is a Social Security Commissioner appointed under section 50(2) of that Act (deputy Commissioners),
 - (g) is within section 6(1),
 - (h) is a deputy judge of the Upper Tribunal (whether under paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 or under section 31(2)), or
 - (i) is a Chamber President or a Deputy Chamber President, whether of a chamber of the Upper Tribunal or of a chamber of the First-tier Tribunal, and does not fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (h).
- (2) A person is one of the other members of the Upper Tribunal if the person—
- (a) is a member of the Upper Tribunal by virtue of appointment under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 3,
 - (b) is a transferred-in other member of the Upper Tribunal (see section 31(2)), [^{F7} or]

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- (c) is a member of the Employment Appeal Tribunal appointed under section 22(1)(c) of the Employment Tribunals Act 1996 (c. 17),^{F8} . . .
- (d)^{F8}

(3) Schedule 3—

contains provision for the appointment of persons to be judges (including deputy judges), or other members, of the Upper Tribunal, and makes further provision in connection with judges and other members of the Upper Tribunal.

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 5(1)(ca) inserted (20.7.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 52, 68(3)(b)** (with s. 55(9))
- F6** S. 5(1)(d) omitted (15.2.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/21\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)** (with Sch. 4)
- F7** Word in s. 5(2)(b) inserted (15.2.2010) by [The Transfer of Functions of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/21\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 39(b)(i)** (with Sch. 4)
- F8** S. 5(2)(d) and word omitted (15.2.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/21\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 39(b)(ii)** (with Sch. 4)

6 Certain judges who are also judges of First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal

(1) A person is within this subsection (and so, by virtue of sections 4(1)(c) and 5(1)(g), is a judge of the First-tier Tribunal and of the Upper Tribunal) if the person—

- [^{F9}(za) is the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales,
- (zb) is the Master of the Rolls,
- (zc) is the President of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in England and Wales,
- (zd) is the President of the Family Division of the High Court in England and Wales,
- (ze) is the Chancellor of the High Court in England and Wales,]
 - (a) is an ordinary judge of the Court of Appeal in England and Wales (including the vice-president, if any, of either division of that Court),
 - (b) is a Lord Justice of Appeal in Northern Ireland,
 - (c) is a judge of the Court of Session,
 - (d) is a puisne judge of the High Court in England and Wales or Northern Ireland,
- [^{F10}(da) is a deputy judge of the High Court in England and Wales,
- (db) is the Judge Advocate General,]
 - (e) is a circuit judge,
- [^{F11}(ea) is a Recorder,]
 - (f) is a sheriff in Scotland,
 - (g) is a county court judge in Northern Ireland,
 - (h) is a district judge in England and Wales or Northern Ireland,^{F12} . . .
 - (i) is a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts).
- [^{F13}(j) is the President of Employment Tribunals (England and Wales),
 - (k) is the President of Employment Tribunals (Scotland),
 - (l) is the Vice President of Employment Tribunals (Scotland), or
 - (m) is a Regional Employment Judge.]

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- (2) References in subsection (1)(c) to (i) to office-holders do not include deputies or temporary office-holders.

Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 6(1)(za)-(ze) inserted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 14 para. 8\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2013/2200](#), art. 3(g)
- F10** S. 6(1)(da)(db) inserted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 14 para. 8\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2013/2200](#), art. 3(g)
- F11** S. 6(1)(ea) inserted (20.2.2019) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#), 4(2)
- F12** Word in s. 6(1)(h) omitted (20.2.2019) by virtue of [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), 4(2)
- F13** S. 6(1)(j)-(m) inserted (20.2.2019) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(2\)\(c\)](#), 4(2)

[^{F14}6A Certain judges who are also judges of the First-tier Tribunal

A person is within this section (and so, by virtue of section 4(1)(ca), is a judge of the First-tier Tribunal) if the person—

- (a) is a deputy Circuit judge,
- ^{F15}(b)
- (c) is a person who holds an office listed—
- (i) in the first column of the table in section 89(3C) of the Senior Courts Act 1981 (senior High Court Masters etc), or
- (ii) in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to that Act (High Court Masters etc),
- (d) is a deputy district judge appointed under section 102 of that Act or section 8 of the County Courts Act 1984,
- (e) is a Deputy District Judge (Magistrates' Courts), or
- (f) is a person appointed under section 30(1)(a) or (b) of the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1951 (assistants to the Judge Advocate General).]

Textual Amendments

- F14** S. 6A inserted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 14 para. 9](#); [S.I. 2013/2200](#), art. 3(g)
- F15** S. 6A(b) omitted (20.2.2019) by virtue of [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)](#), 4(2)

7 Chambers: jurisdiction and Presidents

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may, with the concurrence of the Senior President of Tribunals, by order make provision for the organisation of each of the First-tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal into a number of chambers.

- (2) There is—
- (a) for each chamber of the First-tier Tribunal, and
- (b) for each chamber of the Upper Tribunal,

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to be a person, or two persons, to preside over that chamber.

- [^{F16}(3) A person may at a particular time—
- (a) preside over more than one chamber of the First-tier Tribunal;
 - (b) preside over more than one chamber of the Upper Tribunal;
 - (c) preside over—
 - (i) one or more chambers of the First-tier Tribunal, and
 - (ii) one or more chambers of the Upper Tribunal.]
- (4) A person appointed under this section to preside over a chamber is to be known as a Chamber President.
- (5) Where two persons are appointed under this section to preside over the same chamber, any reference in an enactment to the Chamber President of the chamber is a reference to a person appointed under this section to preside over the chamber.
- (6) The Senior President of Tribunals may (consistently with [^{F17}subsection (2)]) appoint a person who is the Chamber President of a chamber to preside instead, or to preside also, over another chamber.
- (7) The [^{F18}Senior President of Tribunals] may (consistently with [^{F19}subsection (2)]) appoint a person who is not a Chamber President to preside over a chamber.
- (8) Schedule 4 (eligibility for appointment under subsection (7), appointment of Deputy Chamber Presidents and Acting Chamber Presidents, assignment of judges and other members of the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal, and further provision about Chamber Presidents and chambers) has effect.
- (9) Each of the Lord Chancellor and the Senior President of Tribunals may, with the concurrence of the other, by order—
- (a) make provision for the allocation of the First-tier Tribunal's functions between its chambers;
 - (b) make provision for the allocation of the Upper Tribunal's functions between its chambers;
 - (c) amend or revoke any order made under this subsection.

Textual Amendments

- F16** S. 7(3) substituted (20.2.2019) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(4\)\(a\)](#), 4(2)
- F17** Words in s. 7(6) substituted (20.2.2019) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(4\)\(b\)](#), 4(2)
- F18** Words in s. 7(7) substituted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 13 para. 43](#); [S.I. 2013/2200](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#) (with savings in [S.I. 2013/2192](#), regs. 48, 49)
- F19** Words in s. 7(7) substituted (20.2.2019) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 1\(4\)\(b\)](#), 4(2)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 7 wholly in force at 3.11.2008; s. 7 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 148; s. 7(1)(9) in force at 19.9.2007 by [S.I. 2007/2709](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 7(2)-(8) in force at 3.11.2008 by [S.I. 2008/2696](#), {art . 5(a)}

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8 Senior President of Tribunals: power to delegate

- (1) The Senior President of Tribunals may delegate any function he has in his capacity as Senior President of Tribunals—
- (a) to any judge, or other member, of the Upper Tribunal or First-tier Tribunal;
 - (b) to staff appointed under section 40(1).

[^{F20}(1A) A function under paragraph 1(1) or 2(1) of Schedule 2 may be delegated under subsection (1) only to a Chamber President of a chamber of the Upper Tribunal.]

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to functions of the Senior President of Tribunals [^{F21}under any of the following—

section 7(7);

section 7(9);

[^{F22}section 29B;]

[^{F22}section 29D;]

paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 3;

paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 3;

paragraph 2 of Schedule 4;

paragraph 5(1) and (3) of Schedule 4;

paragraph 5(5) to (8) of Schedule 4;

paragraph 5A(2)(a) of Schedule 4;

paragraph 5A(3)(a) of Schedule 4.

[^{F22}paragraph 3 of Schedule 5;]]

- (3) A delegation under subsection (1) is not revoked by the delegator's becoming incapacitated.
- (4) Any delegation under subsection (1) that is in force immediately before a person ceases to be Senior President of Tribunals continues in force until varied or revoked by a subsequent holder of the office of Senior President of Tribunals.
- (5) The delegation under this section of a function shall not prevent the exercise of the function by the Senior President of Tribunals.

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 8(1A) inserted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 13 para. 44\(1\)](#); S.I. 2013/2200, [art. 3\(e\)](#) (with savings in S.I. 2013/2192, regs. 48, 49)

F21 Words in s. 8(2) substituted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 13 para. 44\(2\)](#); S.I. 2013/2200, [art. 3\(e\)](#) (with savings in S.I. 2013/2192, regs. 48, 49)

F22 Words in s. 8(2) inserted (6.4.2020) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 4(3), [Sch. para. 40](#); S.I. 2020/24, reg. 3(b)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 8(1) excluded by 2005 c. 4, s. 94B(6) (as inserted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013](#) (c. 22), s. 61(3), [Sch. 13 para. 48\(4\)](#); S.I. 2013/2200, art. 3(e) (with savings in S.I. 2013/2192, regs. 48, 49))

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

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

- s. 13(8)(bza) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 23\(2\)](#)
- s. 13(8)(bzb) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 24\(9\)](#)
- s. 16(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 16(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 16(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 23(8) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 25A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 80\(1\)](#)
- s. 29(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 81\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 80\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(e) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 14 para. 13\(2\)](#) (Sch. 7 was already repealed when this amendment came into force)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(4)(b) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 14 para. 13\(2\)](#) (Sch. 7 was already repealed when this amendment came into force)