



**FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
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IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999
THE TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE (FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL)
(SOCIAL ENTITLEMENT CHAMBER) RULES 2008

Tribunal Judge
Appellant (s)
Respondent Secretary of State

DIRECTIONS NOTICE

In accordance with Rule 6 of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Social Entitlement Chamber) Rules 2008 (the Rules) I direct as follows:

- 1 **All parties must make every effort to deliver responses to the Tribunal by electronic means**, unless it is impossible to do so. Due to the pandemic, there can be no guarantee that evidence sent by post will reach the Tribunal either at all or in a timely fashion

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Signed:
Principal Judge, Asylum Support

Dated:

URGENT NOTICE ABOUT COVID-19:

- During the pandemic, it is necessary for the Tribunal to adjust the way we work to ensure the safety of our users, staff and judiciary and to limit the spread of the virus and manage our workload. Parties should provide email addresses wherever possible and use these to contact the Tribunal.

- Following a Pilot Practice Direction from the Senior President of Tribunals, all appeals against decisions of UKVI will, until further notice, be decided without a hearing unless a party to the proceedings objects in writing with reasons
- A judge may use their powers under Rule 4(2) of The Tribunal Procedure (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules 2020 to order that an appeal be determined on the papers even if an oral hearing has been requested. The judge must be satisfied that this is in the interests of justice, that the matter is urgent and that it is not reasonably practicable for there to be a hearing of any type.
- A request for an oral hearing may delay the determination of the appeal.
- If a judge orders an oral hearing, this will be conducted remotely (usually by telephone hearing)

Warning:

- Any failure to comply with the directions listed above may result in the case being struck out under Rule 8. However, directions are issued to assist the parties and, even if everything cannot be provided, as much as possible should be submitted

Further directions:

- Any party is entitled to apply for directions, giving reasons for doing so. They are also entitled to challenge any of these directions by applying for another direction which amends, suspends or sets them aside. In considering requests for directions, the Tribunal will have regard to the overriding objective of dealing with cases fairly, justly and in a timely manner as required by Rule 2.