



**IN THE UPPER TRIBUNAL
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS CHAMBER**

**INFORMATION
AND
DIRECTIONS FOR GENERAL STAY AND GENERAL EXTENSION OF
TIME**

Information

1. This information applies to all business of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber) in **England and Wales** until further notice.

Office closure

2. As a result of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, the offices of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber) in London **have been closed until further notice**.

Post, email and telephone calls

3. Post and emails will be dealt with when the Chamber has the capacity to do so.

4. Telephone calls will not be answered during this period, and there is no facility for leaving telephone messages.

Urgent or increased-risk cases

5. For urgent cases, see direction (4) below. If you are a person at increased risk, see direction (5) below.

Directions

6. Taking into consideration the proper administration of justice, I consider it appropriate to make the following directions in the light of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic and the effect that it is having on the conduct of proceedings in the Administrative Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal.

7. **IT IS DIRECTED** that–

- (1) With immediate effect, all proceedings are stayed (put on hold) for a period of 21 days beginning with the date of these Directions, and–

- (a) All time limits in any current proceedings are extended by the same period; and
 - (b) All time limits for making applications and appeals to the Chamber, to begin proceedings, are also extended by the same period.
- (2) This means that all hearings listed to be held in that period will not go ahead (unless you have already arranged with the Chamber for a remote hearing (by telephone or Skype)). You will be given a new date for your hearing in due course.
- (3) Any party to proceedings may apply for these directions to be amended, suspended or set aside or for further directions in relation to those proceedings.
- (4) Urgent applications and/or urgent correspondence must be sent by email to the following address: Adminappeals@justice.gov.uk and marked "URGENT" in the subject line. The Chamber will deal with these as quickly as possible, but there is no guaranteed time scale (any sent today before these directions were issued should if possible be resent by email).
- (5) If you are a person at increased risk of severe illness from the Covid-19 coronavirus under current government guidelines, you should make this clear in the subject line of the email by putting "Increased risk".**

**DAME JUDITH FARBEY
CHAMBER PRESIDENT**

25 March 2020