

IMMIGRATION & ASYLUM CHAMBER (FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL)

HELP FOR USERS

- HMCTS Courts & Tribunal Service sets out an <u>HMCTS operational summary</u> <u>every day</u> with regard to our administrative arrangements throughout the UK
- We continue to work with a small dedicated skeleton administrative staff.
- All substantive appeals have been adjourned to a date to be fixed and standard directions have been issued for Case Management Reviews with a view to facilitating remote hearings where applicable in due course.
- Standard electronic processes and the use of digital files are being introduced for all current appeals.
- Work is being carried out to expand the online digital process introduced nationally before the pandemic for protection and revocation appeals to all new appeals as quickly as possible. Further updates will be provided as new appeal types are introduced.
- Bail lists continue to be listed as normal throughout the UK. Applications are being heard successfully by video and/or through the BT Meet Me Conferencing Telephone Call system. With the aim of avoiding any unnecessary hearings, in accordance with the Senior President's direction of 23 March 2020, whenever it is appropriate to do so, judges are issuing notices to the Secretary of State stating, "minded to grant". This involves providing the Secretary of State with a judicial indication whilst maintaining the opportunity for representations if a hearing is still required.

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