



SENIOR PRESIDENT
OF TRIBUNALS

Practice Statement: Authorisation of staff to exercise judicial functions and delegation of authorisation function

With effect from 6 April 2020, The Courts and Tribunals (Judiciary and Staff) Act 2018 inserts additional provisions into the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 relating to members of staff who are authorised to exercise judicial functions.

1. Authorisation of Staff

I confirm that any member of staff appointed under section 40(1) Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 or section 2(1) Courts Act 2003 who was authorised immediately prior to 6 April 2020 to exercise judicial functions continues to be authorised to exercise those functions.

These authorisations are made under Schedule 5(3) Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007.

2. Delegation of Functions

(a) I confirm that any powers that were in force immediately prior to 6 April 2020 that were delegated by me, or by previous Senior Presidents, to Chamber Presidents and other judicial office holders enabling them to authorise members of staff to exercise judicial functions, remain in force; and

(b) I delegate to the Vice President of Tribunals the power pursuant to section 29B(1) of the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act to give directions to a member of staff authorised to exercise judicial functions, so that he may also exercise that function.

These delegations are made under Schedule 5(3) Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ernest Ryder

Senior President of Tribunals

6 April 2020