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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Appeal Tribunals

RULES, DATED 14TH OCTOBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS &C. ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following rules:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These rules may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Appeal Tribunals) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1966 and shall come into operation on 17th October 1966.

(2) In these rules—

"the Act" means the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

"the appellant" means a person who has brought an appeal under the Act to a tribunal;

"the chairman" means the chairman of a tribunal;

"the parties" means the appellant or the person concerned and the Commission, or in the case of a reference under section 26 of the Act, the Ministry;

"the person concerned" means, as the case may require—

(*a*) a person in respect of whom a report has been made by the Commission to a tribunal under section 12 of the Act; or

(*b*) where any question has arisen as to whether any or what amount paid by way of benefit is recoverable by the Ministry from any person under section 26 of the Act, that person;

"tribunal" means an Appeal Tribunal under the Act.

(3) Any notice or other document required or authorised to be given or sent to any person under the provisions of these rules shall be deemed to have been given or sent if it was sent by post to that person at his ordinary or last known address.

Tenure of office of members of tribunals

2.—(1) The chairman and the other members of a tribunal shall hold office in accordance with the terms of their respective letters of appointment.

(2) So far as practicable, each member of a panel constituted by the Ministry under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 3 to the Act, shall be invited to serve in turn upon a tribunal but no member shall sit upon a tribunal during the consideration of a case—

(*a*) in which he appears as the representative of or accompanies the appellant or the person concerned; or

(a) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).