



GRC1 Appeal to the General Regulatory Chamber

Use this form to appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber) against a decision made by a government body or other regulator.

Other applications

You cannot use this form to:

- make an application in an appeal that is already in progress – use form **GRC5**

If you need help

Contact the tribunal office if you need help with this application or how the tribunal works.

The tribunal cannot give legal advice.

Guidance on completing this form

You can find notes to help you understand questions on the right side of the page.

Use another sheet of paper if there is not enough space for you to say everything. Add your name at the top of any additional sheets.

Write clearly if you are completing this form by hand.

Section 1 – Appellant’s information

1.1 Details of appellant

Name of the person or the organisation

Contact name (if different)

1.2 Address

First line of address

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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1.3 Contact details

Phone number

Mobile number

Email address

1.4 Is there more than one appellant?

Yes. I have included their details on a separate sheet, accompanying this form.

No

Note for Section 1

The appellant can be a person or an organisation.

Add all your information even if you have other cases in the tribunal.

Use a separate sheet if you need to include details of more than one appellant.

Section 2 – Appellant’s representative information

2.1 Do you have a representative?

Yes. **Go to question 2.2**

No. **Go to Section 3**

2.2 Details of appellant’s representative

First name

Last name

Company name

2.3 Address

First line of address

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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2.4 Reference number for correspondence (optional)

2.5 Contact details

Phone number

Mobile number

Email address

Note for Section 2

A representative is someone you want to represent you in dealing with the tribunal.

If you appoint a representative, the tribunal office will only correspond with your representative.

Section 3 – Decision you are appealing against

3.1 The decision reference number (find it on your decision)

3.2 Date on the decision

Day Month Year

Section 4 – Regulator’s information

4.1 Details of a regulator

Name of the regulator (find it on your decision)

4.2 Address

First line of address

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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4.3 Contact details

Phone number

Mobile number

Email address

Note for Section 4

The regulator is the body that took the decision against which you are appealing.

Examples of the most common regulators are:

- Information Commissioner
- Pensions Regulator
- Charity Commission
- Environment Agency
- Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency
- local authorities

Section 5 – Third party’s information

5.1 Is your appeal against:

a decision made by the Information Commissioner about a request under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations **Go to question 5.2**

a decision by a local authority to include land in its register of Assets of Community Value. **Go to question 5.2**

any other decision. **Go to question 6**

Freedom of Information Act cases:

If you are the person who made the Freedom of Information Act request, then **the third party** is the public authority from which you requested the information.

This might be a government department, local authority or another body exercising a public function.

If you are the public authority, then the third party is the person who made the Freedom of Information Act request.

Assets of Community Value cases:

The third party is the person or group who nominated the property for inclusion in the local authority’s register of Assets of Community Value.

5.2 Name of the third party

5.3 Address

First line of address

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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5.4 Contact details

Phone number

Mobile number

Email address

5.5 Sharing information with the third party

So that the third party can decide whether they wish to participate in the appeal, the tribunal usually sends them a copy of this form and its accompanying documents.

Do you consent to the tribunal sending a copy of this form and its accompanying documents to the third party?

Yes

No, explain your reasons why:

Note 5.5

A Judge, Registrar or Legal Officer may decide to order that a copy of this form and its accompanying documents will be sent to the third party even though you do not consent. But they will only do so after carefully considering the reasons you have given.

Section 6 – Late appeals

- 6.1** If your appeal is late, or you are not sure if it will be received in time, explain why and include any supporting evidence you have when sending this form

Note for Section 6

Your appeal should reach the tribunal **within 28 days** of the date you were sent the decision.

Some cases have different time limits:

- **14 days**
for appeals about a trainee driving instructor's licence
- **42 days**
for a charity appeal
- **90 days**
for appeals against REACH decisions

The tribunal will only consider a late appeal if you give reasons why your appeal is late.

You should also list the evidence you are sending in the Checklist section at the end of this form.

Section 7 – Reasons for your appeal

7.1 Why do you think the decision is wrong?

Provide as much information as you can. The tribunal will use your answer and any other evidence you provide when considering your appeal.

Note for Section 7

It is important to explain clearly why you think the decision, act or notice (or failure to decide or act) is wrong, or why you are making your appeal, giving as much detail as possible.

You will be given a further opportunity to submit evidence, so you do not need to provide it all now.

You may find it useful to refer to each of the numbered paragraphs in the decision or notice and give the reasons you disagree with them.

Use another sheet of paper if there is not enough space for you to say everything.

Add your name at the top of any additional sheets.

Section 8 – Outcome of appeal

8.1 What outcome you are seeking from your appeal?

Note for Section 8

The outcome of the appeal is the final decision you want the tribunal to make. Examples of different types of cases include:

- Allow the appeal
- Allow the appeal and set aside the decision
- Allow the appeal and substitute a notice that orders the public authority to take steps in relation to the request for information
- Allow the appeal and set aside or reduce the financial penalty

If you are unsure, then consider getting legal advice.

Section 9 – Hearing

9.1 How do you want to have your appeal decided?

I want my appeal to be decided **with a hearing**

A tribunal will decide your appeal at a hearing that you can attend. This will either be in-person or by video.

I want my appeal to be decided **without a hearing**

A tribunal will decide your appeal by looking at the information and documents you and the other parties send.

Note for Section 9

The tribunal will decide on the type of the hearing.

Section 10 – Reasonable adjustments

10.1 Do you, or anyone attending with you, need any additional support during your appeal?

Note 10.1

Some people need support to access information and use our services, for example:

- documents in alternative formats, colours and fonts
- help with communication, sight, hearing, speaking, interpretation or translation
- access and mobility support if a hearing takes place in person

Fees and payment – only for gambling appeals

You can find a guidance about gambling licence decisions appeals here:
www.gov.uk/guidance/gambling-licence-decisions-appeal-to-a-tribunal

The fee depends on what your appeal is about:
www.gov.uk/guidance/gambling-licence-decisions-appeal-to-a-tribunal#fee

How to pay the fee

You can call the tribunal to arrange the payment

Telephone

0300 123 4504

or

add fee account details (for legal professionals)

Your account number

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Your reference (if applicable)

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If you are not sure how to pay a fee contact the tribunal.

Statement of truth

I understand that in certain circumstances proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

I believe that the facts stated in this form and any additional pages are true.

The appellant believes that the facts stated in this form and any additional pages are true. **I am authorised** by the appellant to sign this statement.

Signature

Appellant

Appellant's representative

Date

Day Month Year

Full name

Checklist

I have completed the application fee section – **only for gambling** appeals

List of documents that need to be included with the application:

a copy of the decision

copies of any evidence to support a late appeal (Section 5)

List all the evidence you are sending with this form:

What to do next

Send the completed and signed form and any documents from the Checklist using the details shown below:

Email address

GRC@justice.gov.uk

or

Address

HM Courts and Tribunals Service
General Regulatory Chamber
First- tier Tribunal
PO Box 9300
Leicester
LE1 8DJ

Telephone

0300 123 4504

Next steps

The tribunal will consider your application and let you know the outcome.

You can find out more on:

www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals/first-tier-tribunal-general-regulatory-chamber

For information on how HM Courts and Tribunals Service process and store your data visit:
www.gov.uk/hmcts/privacy-policy