



## **PENSIONS APPEAL TRIBUNALS SCOTLAND**

### **PENSIONS APPEAL TRIBUNALS ACT 1943**

### **PENSIONS APPEAL TRIBUNALS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1981**

#### **Extension of Pilot Practice Direction: Contingency Arrangements in the Pensions Appeal Tribunals for Scotland**

1. This Practice Direction is issued under Rule 5A of the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Rules 1981, as amended.
2. On 3 May 2022, I issued a Pilot Practice Direction in order to facilitate the hearing of appeals during the Covid-19 pandemic. While Covid remains an issue within the community, most restrictions have now been relaxed. Nevertheless, it has become apparent that many of the practices adopted to facilitate hearings during the pandemic have proved convenient and popular with appellants and have enabled the hearing of appeals where a party would not otherwise have been able to attend in person.
3. For the moment, until wider consideration can be given to the implications of permanent changes to tribunal procedure, the Pilot Practice Direction will continue in force until 21 May 2024, although it may be reviewed within that period should it become inappropriate or unnecessary and may be revoked at any time.

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