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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**PART II**

**DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

**CHAPTER II**

**SOCIAL SECURITY DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

*Medical examinations*

**Medical examination required by appeal tribunal**

**20.**—(1) This Article applies where an appeal has been brought under Article 13 against a decision on a claim for a relevant benefit, or as to a person's entitlement to such a benefit or to statutory sick pay or statutory maternity pay.

(2) An eligible person may, if prescribed conditions are satisfied, refer the person—

- (a) in respect of whom the claim is made; or
- (b) whose entitlement is at issue,

to a medical practitioner for such examination and report as appears to the eligible person to be necessary for the purpose of providing an appeal tribunal with information for use in determining the appeal.

In this paragraph "eligible person" means a person who is eligible to be appointed as the sole member of an appeal tribunal, or to be nominated as the chairman of such a tribunal.

(3) At a hearing before an appeal tribunal, except in prescribed cases or circumstances, the tribunal—

- (a) may not carry out a physical examination of the person mentioned in paragraph (2); and
- (b) may not require that person to undergo any physical test for the purpose of determining whether he satisfies the condition mentioned in section 73(1)(a) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.