

**2003 No. 223**

**COURT OF SESSION**

**Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment  
No. 3) (Applications under the Nationality, Immigration and  
Asylum Act 2002) 2003**

*Made*

*27th March 2003*

*Coming into force*

*1st April 2003*

The Lords of Council and Session, under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by section 5 of the Court of Session Act 1988(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, do hereby enact and declare:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Act of Sederunt may be cited as the Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 3) (Applications under the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002) 2003 and shall come into force on 1st April 2003.

(2) This Act of Sederunt shall be inserted in the Books of Sederunt.

**Amendment of the Rules of the Court of Session**

**2.**—(1) The Rules of the Court of Session 1994(b) shall be amended in accordance with the following sub-paragraphs.

(2) In Chapter 41 (appeals under statute), after Part X (appeals to the Lord Ordinary), there shall be inserted—

“PART XI

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 101(2) OF THE NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION AND  
ASYLUM ACT 2002

*Application and interpretation of this Part*

**41.46.**—(1) This Part applies to applications to the Court of Session under section 101(2) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002(c) for a review of a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal on an application for permission to appeal from an adjudicator.

(2) Parts I, II and III of this Chapter do not apply to an application to which this Part applies.

(3) In this Part—

“the Act of 2002” means the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002;

“adjudicator” means an adjudicator appointed for the purposes of Part 5 of the Act of 2002;

“applicant” means a person applying to the Court of Session under section 101(2) of the Act of 2002;

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(a) 1988 c.36; section 5 was amended by section 2(3) of the Civil Evidence (Scotland) Act 1988 (c.32) and by paragraph 45 of Schedule 4 to the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.36).

(b) S.I. 1994/1443, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Act of Sederunt.

(c) 2002 c.41.

“other party” means the other party to the proceedings before the Tribunal; and  
“Tribunal” means the Immigration Appeal Tribunal.

*Application for review*

**41.47.**—(1) An application under section 101(2) of the Act of 2002 must be made to the Outer House of the Court of Session.

(2) The application shall be by petition in Form 41.47.

(3) The applicant must lodge with the petition—

- (a) the decision to which the application relates, and any document giving reasons for the decision;
- (b) the grounds of appeal to the adjudicator;
- (c) the adjudicator’s determination;
- (d) the grounds of appeal to the Tribunal together with any documents sent with them;
- (e) the Tribunal’s determination on the application for permission to appeal;
- (f) any other documents material to the application which were before the adjudicator.

(4) The petition must set out—

- (a) the grounds upon which it is contended that the Tribunal made an error of law; and
- (b) reasons in support of those grounds.

(5) In paragraph 3(a) of this rule, “decision” means an immigration decision within the meaning of section 82 of the Act of 2002, or a decision to reject an asylum claim to which section 83 of the Act of 2002 applies.

*Time limit for application*

**41.48.**—(1) The petition must be lodged not later than 14 days after the applicant is deemed to have received notice of the Tribunal’s decision in accordance with rules made under section 106 of the Act of 2002.

(2) The court may extend the time limit in paragraph (1) in exceptional circumstances.

(3) An application to extend the time limit must be made in the petition and supported by an affidavit.

*Service of petition*

**41.49.**—(1) The petitioner must serve on the Tribunal a copy of the petition.

(2) Where a petition is for review of a decision by the Tribunal to grant permission to appeal, the petitioner must serve on the other party copies of—

- (a) the petition;
- (b) all the documents lodged in support of the petition, except for documents which come from or have already been served on that party.

(3) Where documents are required to be served under paragraphs (1) and (2), they must be served forthwith.

*Determining the petition*

**41.50.**—(1) The petition will be determined by a single judge without a hearing, and by reference only to the petition and documents lodged with it.

(2) If the petitioner relies on evidence which was not submitted to the adjudicator or the Tribunal, the court will not consider that evidence unless it is satisfied that there were good reasons why it was not submitted to the adjudicator or the Tribunal.

(3) The court may affirm or reverse the Tribunal’s decision.

(4) Where the Tribunal refused permission to appeal, the court will reverse the Tribunal’s decision only if it is satisfied that—

- (a) the Tribunal may have made an error of law; and

- (b) either–
  - (i) the appeal would have a real prospect of success; or
  - (ii) there is some other compelling reason why the appeal should be heard.

(5) Where the Tribunal granted permission to appeal, the court will reverse the Tribunal's decision only if it is satisfied that–

- (a) the appeal would have no real prospect of success; and
- (b) there is no other compelling reason why the appeal should be heard.

(6) If the court reverses the Tribunal's decision to refuse permission to appeal–

- (a) the court's order will constitute a grant of permission to appeal to the Tribunal; and
- (b) the court may limit the grant of permission to appeal to specific grounds.

(7) The court's decision shall be final and there shall be no appeal from that decision or renewal of the application.

*Service of the order*

**41.51.**—(1) The court will send copies of its order to–

- (a) the applicant, except where paragraph (2) applies;
- (b) the other party; and
- (c) the Tribunal.

(2) Where–

- (a) the application relates, in whole or in part, to a claim for asylum;
- (b) the Tribunal refused permission to appeal; and
- (c) the court affirms the Tribunal's decision,

the court will send a copy of its order to the Secretary of State, who must serve the order on the applicant.

(3) Where the Secretary of State has served an order in accordance with paragraph (2), he must notify the court on what date and by what method the order was served.

*Expenses*

**41.52.** The court may reserve the expenses of the application to be determined by the Tribunal.”.

(3) In the Appendix, after Form 41.19 there shall be inserted Form 41.47 set out in the Schedule to this Act of Sederunt.

*W. DOUGLAS CULLEN*  
Lord President  
I.P.D.

Edinburgh  
27th March 2003

## SCHEDULE

Rule 41.47(2)

Form 41.47

### **Form of petition in application under section 101(2) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 for review of a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal**

UNTO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE LORDS OF COUNCIL AND SESSION

PETITION

of

[A.B.] (*designation and address*)

for

Review of (*state briefly decision sought to be reviewed*) by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal

HUMBLY SHEWETH:–

That the petitioner is (*state designation, title and interest of petitioner*).

2. That on (*date*) the Immigration Appeal Tribunal (*specify decision to be reviewed*).

3. That the petitioner seeks (*state remedies sought*). The petitioner craves the court to pronounce such further order or orders (including an order for expenses) as may seem to the court to be just and reasonable in all the circumstances of the case.

4. That the petitioner challenges the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal on the following ground(s).

5. (*State shortly (in this and following numbered paragraphs) facts in support of the ground(s) of challenge.*)

[6]. (*State briefly (in numbered paragraphs) the legal argument with reference to enactments or judicial authority on which it is intended to rely.*)

PLEA(S)-IN-LAW

(*Specify pleas-in-law relating to each ground of challenge and remedy sought*)

According to Justice etc.

(*Signed by counsel or other person  
having a right of audience*)

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)*

This Act of Sederunt inserts a new Part (Part XI) into the Court of Session Rules 1994 (S.I. 1994/1443) to make provision for applications for review of a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal in the Court of Session under section 101(2) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (“the Act of 2002”). Part XI provides for applications to be made by application notice to the Outer House in the Form set out in the Schedule inserted by paragraph 2(3) of this Act of Sederunt. The notice must be lodged within 14 days of the Tribunal’s decision and certain documents must be lodged along with the application notice as set out in rule 41.47(3). Applications will be determined by a single judge in the Outer House without a hearing and by reference to written submissions only. The rules also make provision for service of the application notice and service of the court’s order. The expenses of the application may be reserved by the court to be determined by the Tribunal.





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