

## Tribunal Circular



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### Revised Sanctions Guidance

On 29 July 2016, a revised version of the Sanctions Guidance will come into effect and will be published [here](#).

In addition to some amendments to where some paragraphs are placed in the guidance, there is now information on the verification checks the GMC will be carrying out for all testimonials provided to them eight weeks or more before the hearing. Paragraph 34 provides further guidance on testimonial evidence, particularly in reference to verification checks. There has also been a terminology change, and therefore paragraphs 53 and 54 will now refer to 'RO testimonials'.

Hard copies of the Sanctions Guidance will be available in the hearing room and are being provided to parties with hearings scheduled as required.

Should you have any questions please contact us.

Kind regards

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