

## Tribunal Circular



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### Revised Sanctions guidance

On 30 May 2017, a revised version of the Sanctions guidance will come into effect and will be published [here](#).

In addition to some amendments to the forewords, the subject heading of Immediate Orders on page 46 has been altered to remove the wording in brackets (suspension or conditions)'. Further there have been policy changes which include additional information regarding testimonials being classed as verified when legal representatives provide assurances that appropriate verification has been carried out and further information about the material which could be relevant for a Responsible Officer's statement, see pages 15, 16 and 20. Please note that paragraph numbers have been affected due to the additions above.

Hard copies of the Sanctions guidance will be available in the hearing room and are being provided to parties with hearings scheduled as required from 30 May 2017.

Should you have any questions please contact us.

Kind regards

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