

## Tribunal circular 04/26

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### Guidance for MPTS tribunals

Today, we've published additions to the suite of [Guidance for MPTS tribunals](#), which will have an eight-week familiarisation period, and will come into effect for new hearings on 22 June.

### Additional guidance

[Guidance for MPT reviews](#) has been added to section three: medical practitioners tribunal hearings. The guidance covers the two stages where a review is required following a sanction imposed by an MPT Tribunal: to decide if a doctor's fitness to practise remains impaired and if so, what regulatory, if any, is needed to protect the public.

[Guidance for voluntary erasure applications](#) sets out the approach the tribunal should follow when a doctor has made an application to voluntarily remove their name from the register. The guidance replaces *the stage at which a tribunal may*

*consider an application for voluntary erasure and the GMC's guidance deciding voluntary erasure applications and advising on administrative erasure where there is an unresolved concern.*

*Guidance for AT reviews and Guidance for voluntary removal applications* in relation to hearings for PAs and AAs will be published and come into effect on 22 June.

Restoration guidance is also being developed as an addition to the *Guidance for MPTS tribunals* and will be published at a later date.

Kind regards

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