

# Orders of the Royal Court.



**VI**  
**1955**

IN THE ROYAL COURT OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

*The 3rd day of October, 1955, before Sir Ambrose James Sherwill, C.B.E., M.C., Bailiff; present:— Sir John Leale, Arthur Falla, Walter John Sarre, William Robert Freake Clark, Ernest Francis Lainé, Bertram Bartlett, Esquires, Donald Carey Brock, Esquire, C.B.E., Osmond Priaulx, Stephen James Falla, Esquires, Wilfred John Corbet, Esquire, O.B.E., Théophile Le Messurier Allez and Bertram Guy Blampied, Esquires, Jurats.*

ORDERS OF THE ROYAL COURT MADE IN  
PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE 64 OF THE  
REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

## **No. 6 Order, 1955.**

ENTITLED

**“Procedure for the Determination of Appeals and References to the Royal Court under section thirteen of the Non-Contributory Pensions (Guernsey) Law, 1955”**

### PART I

#### *References by the tribunal to the Court*

1. (1) If the tribunal is of opinion that a question of law has arisen, in connection with the determination of an appeal by it, which should be referred to the Court for decision under subsection (2) of section

Statement of case to be submitted to the Court by the Chairman.

thirteen of the Law, the Chairman shall, within seven days of the decision of the tribunal so to refer such a question, prepare in writing under his hand a statement (hereafter in this Part of this Order referred to as a "statement of the case") setting out the question of law so to be referred and such particulars of the case as, in his opinion, are relevant to the determination of such question by the Court.

(2) The Registrar shall as soon as practicable send the statement of the case duly signed by the Chairman to the Greffier who shall acknowledge in writing to the Registrar the receipt by him thereof.

(3) The Registrar shall as soon as practicable send a copy of the statement of the case and of any amendment made thereto under the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph both to the Administrator and to the person concerned.

(4) The Greffier shall, within forty-eight hours of the receipt by him of a statement of the case, inform the Bailiff thereof and transmit the statement of the case to him.

Further  
particulars  
to be  
furnished  
to the  
Court.

2. The Bailiff may at any time require the Chairman to furnish to the Greffier further particulars in writing, within such time as he may direct, with regard to any question referred to the Court and may at any time prior to the fixing of the date of the hearing for the purpose of determining such question allow the amendment of any statement of the case by the Chairman and may extend the time for the preparation of any statement of the case by the Chairman laid down in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 of this Order.

Notice of  
hearing by  
the Court.

3. (1) The Bailiff shall as soon as practicable decide on a date and a time for the hearing and the

Greffier shall, within forty-eight hours of that decision being made known to him, notify the Registrar thereof:

PROVIDED that the Bailiff shall not decide upon a date for the hearing which is less than fourteen clear days after the date of the receipt by the Greffier of the statement of the case referred to in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of this Order.

(2) The Registrar shall, within forty-eight hours of the notification to him by the Greffier of the place, date and time of the hearing by the Court, notify the Chairman, the Administrator and the person concerned, in writing, of the place, date and time of the hearing.

## PART II

### *Appeals from the tribunal to the Court*

4. (1) Notice of appeal under subsection (3) of section thirteen of the Law by any person who is aggrieved by a decision of the tribunal on a question of law shall be in writing in the form set out in the Schedule to this Order and shall contain a statement of the contentions of law on which the appellant relies.

Notice of  
appeal to  
the Court.

(2) Notice of appeal shall be sent to the Registrar within twenty-eight days after the date of the notice of the decision of the tribunal.

(3) The Registrar shall furnish to the Administrator or to the person concerned, as the case may require, a copy of the notice of appeal and of the documents attached thereto.

5. (1) The Registrar shall as soon as practicable transmit a copy of the notice of appeal and of the documents attached thereto to the Greffier who shall acknowledge the receipt thereof.

Date of  
hearing to  
be decided  
by the  
Bailiff.

(2) The Greffier shall as soon as practicable transmit the said notice and documents to the Bailiff and the Bailiff shall as soon as practicable decide upon a date and time for the hearing:

PROVIDED that the Bailiff shall not decide upon a date for the hearing which is less than fourteen clear days after the date of the receipt by the Greffier of the notice of appeal.

(3) The Greffier shall, within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the Bailiff's decision, notify the Registrar of the place, date and time of the hearing.

(4) The Registrar shall, within forty-eight hours of such notification, notify the Administrator, the appellant and the person concerned of the place, date and time of the hearing.

### PART III

#### *General*

Representa-  
tion before  
the Court.

6. (1) The person concerned shall be entitled to be present during any hearing before the Court of any reference and may, if called upon to do so by the Court, address the Court in person, by a friend or by an Advocate of the Court.

(2) The Administrator shall be entitled to be present during any hearing before the Court of any reference and may, if called upon to do so by the Court, address the Court in person, by a Law Officer of the Crown or by such officer of the Authority as he may appoint for the purpose.

(3) The appellant, being a person other than the Administrator, shall be entitled to be present during any hearing before the Court of an appeal and to address the Court in person, by a friend or by an Advocate of the Court.

(4) The person concerned, in the case of an appeal by the Administrator, shall be entitled to be present during any hearing before the Court of an appeal and to address the Court in person, by a friend or by an Advocate of the Court.

(5) The Administrator, whether as the appellant or otherwise, shall be entitled to be present during any hearing before the Court of any appeal and to address the Court in person, by a Law Officer of the Crown or by such officer of the Authority as he may appoint for the purpose.

7. (1) The Court may, if it thinks fit, call for such documents and examine such persons (including the Chairman) on oath, affirmation or otherwise as appear likely to afford evidence relevant and material to any question of law to be determined by the Court.

Procedure  
before the  
Court.

(2) Any party to a reference who is authorised to do so by the Court, and any party to an appeal, may cause a summons to be served on any person, in the same manner as a summons may be served upon any person in respect of a civil action before the Court sitting as an Ordinary Court summoning that person to attend any hearing of that Court for the purpose of giving evidence or producing any document likely to assist the Court in determining the question of law referred, or which is the subject of an appeal, to it and a person so summoned shall be under a like obligation as to the giving of any evidence and the production of any document as if he were so summoned in respect of such an action.

(3) The Court may adjourn the hearing of any reference or appeal from time to time as it may think fit.

(4) If after it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that both of the parties to a reference

or appeal, as the case may be, have been notified of the place, date and time of the hearing of the reference or appeal, and one or both of the parties fails to appear at that hearing, the Court may proceed to determine the reference or appeal, as the case may be, in the absence of both or either of them.

(5) Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, the procedure at the hearing of any reference or appeal shall be such as the Court may from time to time determine.

Notification  
of decision  
of the Court.

8. (1) The decision of the Court on any question of law referred to it by the tribunal shall be in writing, signed and sealed by the Greffier and shall, forthwith upon the making thereof, be transmitted by him to the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar shall notify the Chairman forthwith of the receipt by him of a decision of the Court on any question of law referred to it by the tribunal, and shall send him a copy of that decision.

(3) The decision of the Court on any appeal to it from the tribunal shall be in writing, signed and sealed by the Greffier and shall, forthwith upon the making thereof, be transmitted by him to the Registrar.

(4) The Registrar shall, as soon as practicable, send both to the Administrator and to the appellant or to the person concerned, as the case may be, a copy of the decision of the Court on any appeal to it from the tribunal.

Notice by  
post.

9. Any notice or other document required to be given or sent to any person, to the Registrar, to the Administrator or to the Greffier under the provisions of this Order shall be deemed to have been given

or sent if it were sent by post, in the case of any person, to that person at his ordinary or last known address, or, in the case of the Registrar or the Administrator, to the office of the Authority, or, in the case of the Greffier, to the Greffe.

10. (1) The costs of any reference shall be paid by the Authority. Costs.

(2) The costs of any appeal shall be in the discretion of the Court, who may direct to and by whom and in what manner those costs or any part thereof shall be paid and may settle the amount of costs to be so paid or any part thereof.

11. (1) In this Order unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“Administrator” has the same meaning as in the Law;

“Authority” has the same meaning as in the Law;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the tribunal;

“Court” means the Royal Court;

“hearing” means an oral hearing;

“Law” means the Non-Contributory Pensions (Guernsey) Law, 1955;

“parties to an appeal” means the Administrator and the appellant or the person concerned, as the case may be, and “parties to a reference” means the Administrator and the person concerned;

“person concerned” means, in relation to any reference and in relation to an appeal by the Administrator, the person who has appealed to the tribunal against the decision of the Administrator under subsection (1) of section thirteen of the Law;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Appeals appointed in accordance with the Non-Contributory Pensions (Implementation) Ordinance, 1955; and

“tribunal” means a tribunal appointed by the Court under subsection (1) of section thirteen of the Law.

(2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an enactment.

(3) References in this Order to any enactment shall include references to such enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.

13. This Order may be cited as the Non-Contributory Pensions (Appeals and References) (Guernsey) Order, 1955, and shall come into force on the 1st day of November, 1955.

**The Non-Contributory Pensions  
(Guernsey) Law, 1955.**

*Notice of Appeal to the Royal Court*

To the Registrar of Appeals,  
States Insurance Department,  
St. Peter Port,  
Guernsey.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, being aggrieved by a decision of a tribunal on a question of law given on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, under the Non-Contributory Pensions (Guernsey) Law, 1955, hereby give notice of appeal against the said decision. The contentions of law upon which I rely in support of my appeal are set forth in the particulars hereto attached.

In support of this appeal the following documents are attached hereto.

(Insert list of all documents sent with application.)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Signature .....

*Particulars in support of Appeal.*

N.B.—The particulars furnished on this form and all other information which may be sent to the Registrar of Appeals by or behalf of an appellant in connection with his or her appeal will be disclosed to the Administrator. A copy of the tribunal's decision must be furnished.

JAMES E. LE PAGE,  
Her Majesty's Greffier.