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## **Consultation launched on changes to Upper Tribunal rules**

The Tribunals Procedure Committee (TPC), which is responsible for the First-tier and Upper Tribunal rules, has launched a new consultation today inviting stakeholders' views on proposed changes to rules which apply to the Upper Tribunal.

The consultation follows confirmation that the functions of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT) are to transfer into the two-tier structure, created as part of the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007.

The Government has confirmed that the current Asylum and Immigration Tribunal rules\* will be amended to become procedure rules for the First-Tier Immigration and Asylum Chamber. As the AIT is a single-tier tribunal there are no current equivalent rules which can be modified for the Upper Tribunal Chamber.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks and can be viewed here:

<http://www.tribunals.gov.uk/Tribunals/Rules/tribunalprocedurecommittee.htm>

\*Asylum and Immigration (Procedure) Rules 2005 and Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Procedure) (Fast Track) Rules 2005

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### **Notes to editors**

- Rules for the Upper Tribunal came into force on 3 November 2008 and modifications to these rules came into effect on 1 April 2009, following the establishment of the Upper Tribunal Finance and Tax Chamber.
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