

Additional Support Needs Tribunal



The Additional Support Needs Tribunal (the Tribunal) is a special panel made up of experts and lawyers who look into disagreements about extra support in school.



If you are aged 12–15 and have additional support needs, you have the right to be involved in decisions about your support. This means that if you disagree with certain decisions about your support you can ask the Tribunal to look at the issue.



The full name of the Additional Support Needs Tribunal is the Health and Education Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland.

A My Rights, My Say advocacy worker can help you understand your rights or you can find lots of helpful information here: <https://reach.scot/get-help/have-my-say/>

What type of disagreements will the Tribunal look at?

The ASN Tribunal does not look at all disagreements about extra support with your learning. They will only consider those dealing with:

- whether you are able to use your rights and whether using your rights would cause you harm
- whether you need a co-ordinated support plan. (A legal plan to make sure you get the support you need.)
- whether your co-ordinated support plan is being properly delivered
- the plans being made for you when you leave school.

The Tribunal will also consider disagreements where children feel they have been treated unfairly because they have a disability.



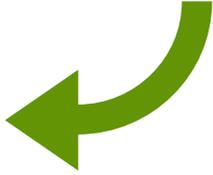
If you want to ask the Tribunal to look at a disagreement this is called “making a reference” .



How do I make a reference to the Tribunal?

To make a reference you must complete a reference form. If you have a My Rights, My Say or other advocacy worker they will be able to help you do this.

If you don't have an advocacy worker and are aged between 12 and 15, you can get in touch with My Rights, My Say and they will help you make a reference.



The Tribunal has a website called Needs to Learn which explains how to make a reference and what you can expect if you do. A My Rights, My Say advocacy worker can help you understand what happens next.

Will I have to speak at the Tribunal?

No, if that's your choice. My Rights, My Say will provide you with a lawyer called who will act on your behalf.

The lawyer will meet with you and listen to the reasons for your reference to the Tribunal. They will then make sure that all the information and paperwork the Tribunal needs to make a decision is sent to them on time.

The lawyer will act on your behalf during the Tribunal proceedings. This includes acting on your behalf during any calls or meetings about your case as well as the Tribunal hearing itself. They will also deal with any legal papers.

Your parents, carers and your advocacy worker can be involved in any calls or meetings if you are happy to have them there.

Will the Tribunal ask for my views?

The Tribunal will be interested in what you think. There are different ways you can provide your evidence. You can attend the Tribunal in person if you want to or provide your evidence by video or as a written submission. If the Tribunal feels they need more information about your evidence they may ask a My Rights, My Say advocacy worker to work with you to provide any additional information.

Get in touch



To speak to a My Rights, My Say advocacy worker contact us through our website: www.myrightsmysay.scot