



COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

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Hybrid Hearings: Guidance for the Public

What is a hybrid hearing?

A hybrid hearing is a hearing in which a limited number of representatives of the parties attend a hearing before the Tribunal at the Tribunal's premises or other hearing venue in restricted conditions that are aimed to maintain social distancing and constitute precautions to deal with the challenges of meeting in the current situation regarding Covid-19.

Hybrid hearings are a new procedural concept. Therefore the Tribunal's practice and procedure in this area is in an early stage of development and is likely to change and adapt as experience is gained by the Tribunal and parties.

Which hearings will be held as hybrid hearings?

Any hearing or other case event tagged with the word **[HYBRID]** in the diary on the Tribunal website will take place as a hybrid hearing.

Whether a hybrid hearing should take place is always a matter for the Tribunal, operating in accordance with applicable law, the Tribunal's Rules and Practice Directions.

How can a member of the public observe a hybrid hearing?

Generally, hybrid hearings will also take place as remote hearings and therefore anyone who is not an invited representative will be able to view the hearing remotely via the MS Teams platform.

Any hearing in the Tribunal's diary tagged as **[HYBRID]** will also have the tag **[REMOTE]**.

Further guidance on how to observe a hearing remotely can be found by clicking on the **[REMOTE]** tag.