

## How to apply to the Tribunal

You apply to the Tribunal by completing either Form T1 or Form T2 (or both). Copies of these forms are attached. These forms set out the information which the Tribunal requires in order to commence an investigation.

Please write in black or dark ink so that your complaint can be copied to members of the Tribunal. Please remember to sign and date the form and any separate sheets submitted with it.

You should send the completed form to:

**The Investigatory Powers Tribunal, PO Box 33220,  
London, SW1H 9ZQ**

## Investigation by the Tribunal

The Tribunal will acknowledge receipt of your claim or complaint. The Tribunal will then, for complaints, investigate whether any authority you have complained about has carried out activities in relation to you, your property or your communications and, if it has, whether its conduct has been properly authorised. It will then consider whether your complaint or claim is justified. The Tribunal can only reveal to other parties your name, address, telephone numbers, date of birth and the identity of the body against whom you are making the claim or complaint. It requires your consent to reveal any other details about you or your claim or complaint. The Tribunal will only reveal such details with your consent to the extent necessary to enable your claim or complaint to be properly investigated. You do not need to give your consent to that but, if you do not, it may prevent a full investigation of your claim or complaint from taking place.

## The Outcome

The Tribunal will advise you as soon as possible whether it has found in your favour or not. Where the Tribunal finds in your favour, it will, where permissible, provide you with a summary of its determination and any findings of fact. If it upholds your claim or complaint the Tribunal may, after considering representations by you or on your behalf, also order such remedial action as it considers appropriate.

## The Investigatory Powers Tribunal

# Information Leaflet

Regulation of Investigatory  
Powers Act 2000

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Powers (Scotland)  
Act 2000

**These Acts establish an independent tribunal to consider all complaints and Human Rights Act claims which fall within its jurisdiction. The Investigatory Powers Tribunal replaces the Interception of Communications Tribunal, the Security Service Tribunal, the Intelligence Services Tribunal and the complaints function of the Commissioner appointed under the Police Act 1997.**

### **What complaints/claims can the Tribunal consider?**

#### **Human Rights claims**

The Tribunal can consider claims that human rights have been infringed as a result of actions carried out by or on behalf of any of the Intelligence Services and, *in the circumstances set out below*, by certain Public Authorities. So far as human rights claims are concerned the Tribunal is the body to complain to if you believe that your human rights have been infringed by any of the Intelligence Services or by any of the following Public Authorities: any of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, any police force, the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the National Crime Squad (including the National Hi-Tech Crime Unit) or the Commissioners of Customs and Excise. The Intelligence Services are: the Security Service (commonly known as MI5), the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS - commonly known as MI6) and Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). If you consider that your human rights have been infringed in terms of the Human Rights Act 1998 by any of the Intelligence Services or by one of the Public Authorities listed above please complete Form T1.

#### **Complaints (ie not Human Rights claims)**

The Tribunal can also consider complaints about any conduct which you believe to have been carried out in relation to you by or on behalf of any of the Intelligence Services and, *in the circumstances set out below*, of a larger number of Public Authorities than those listed above. The Intelligence Services are as set out above. The Public Authorities in relation to which such complaints may be made are listed at the end of Form T2. For such complaints please complete Form T2.

Whether the claim is a Human Rights claim (Form T1) or another type of complaint (Form T2) the conduct alleged must involve or have involved one or more of the following:

- **The interception of communications by post or telecommunications.**
- **Surveillance which has resulted, or is likely to result, in private information being obtained.**
- **Surveillance which has been or is being carried out in relation to anything taking place on any residential premises or in any private vehicle.**
- **Covert human intelligence which has been or is being used in relation to a person, e.g. the use of a personal relationship for the purpose of getting information without that person knowing about it.**
- **Any entry on or interference with property or interference with wireless telegraphy.**