

CO-OPERATIVES ACT 1996

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## **Co-operatives (Amendment) Regulations 2019**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 117 of the Co-operatives Act 1996, I hereby make these Regulations—

*Short title and commencement*

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Co-operatives (Amendment) Regulations 2019.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.
- (3) The Co-operatives Regulations 1999 is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”.

*Regulation 11 amended*

2. The Principal Regulations is amended in paragraph (c) by inserting “in the prescribed form set out in Schedule 2” after “dispute”.

*Regulation 13 amended*

3. The Principal Regulations is amended by deleting regulation 13(1) and inserting the following—

“13—(1) An appeal to the tribunal from a decision of the Registrar on a reference under section 115 of the Act, other than a decision to refer the matter to the tribunal, must be made to the Permanent Secretary within 30 days from the date of the decision of the Registrar.”.

*New regulation inserted*

4. The Principal Regulations is amended after regulation 14 by inserting the following new regulation—

*“Tribunal sittings*

14A.—(1) The tribunal may hold hearings on a quarterly basis and may sit for 3 sessions per sitting.

(2) The hearing of the tribunal may be held in the Central, Western and Northern division and may be subject to change based on the geographical location of the case.”.

*Schedule amended*

5. The Schedule to the Principal Regulations is amended by—

(a) in the heading, deleting “SCHEDULE” and substituting “SCHEDULE 1”;  
and

(b) after paragraph 1, inserting the following new paragraph—

“2. Appeal application fee ..... \$50”.

*New Schedule inserted*

6. The Principal Regulations is amended after Schedule 1 by inserting the following new Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2  
(Regulation 11)

APPLICATION FORM FOR REFERRING A DISPUTE



CO-OPERATIVE TRIBUNAL DISPUTE

Lodged at the Department of Co-operative Business at .....  
on the ..... day of ..... 20 .....

**Complainant details**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Phone contact: .....

Member of a co-operative: Yes  No

Name of the co-operative: .....

**Complainee details**

Name: .....

Name of the co-operative: .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

*(If applicable)*

Phone contact: .....

Is the complainee a member of the co-operative: Yes  No

Name of the co-operative: .....

**DISPUTE DETAILS**

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**1. Complaint Type:**

- Membership:
  - Share:
  - Land issue:
  - Financials:
  - Office bearers:
  - Termination:
  - Others: .....
- (Please specify)*

**2. Has the dispute been referred to:**

- Co-operative Board: Yes  No
- Co-operative General Meeting: Yes  No
- Director and Registrar of Co-operative: Yes  No
- Judicial System: Yes  No

**3. Names and contacts of witnesses:**

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*(The details of dispute is outlined in the attached PARTICULARS OF DISPUTE)*

**FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS**

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*(The reasons are as set out in the attached PARTICULARS OF DISPUTE)*

I/We hereby swear (or solemnly and sincerely affirm) that the reasons set out above and in the PARTICULARS OF DISPUTE are true and correct.

Sworn (or affirmed) before me on the ..... day of ..... 20 ....  
at .....

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*(Signature of complainant)*

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*(Signature of Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Oaths,  
or other person qualified to take oaths or affirmations)*

Before whom this Complaint is sworn

