

## **Applications lodged with the Tribunal on or prior to 20/4/2021**

### **New Frequently Asked Question**

**Question: I see the Scheme was amended on 20/4/2021. I applied to the Tribunal before that date. How will my application be dealt with?**

Answer: Applications lodged with the Tribunal on or prior to 20/4/2021 will continue to be dealt with under the terms of the Scheme that applied at the time of application, subject to the following administrative amendments which are either clarifications or procedural in nature:

- The Tribunal consists of a Chair and 13 ordinary members rather than a Chairman and 6 ordinary members.
- Where a decision involves an award of €75,000 or more, that decision will be taken by three Tribunal members.
- A crime may have been reported to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC), instead of to An Garda Síochána, where the crime is alleged to have been carried out by a Garda.
- Where the incident occurred on or after 1/1/2006, awards are not made on an ex gratia basis.
- Decisions of the Tribunal, appropriately redacted to remove personal data, may be made publicly available.
- The so-called 'solatium' may be awarded by the Tribunal in fatal cases, where appropriate, pursuant to section 49 (1A) of the Civil Liability Act 1961 as amended.