

GLOSSARY

AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACSI	Australian Communications – Electronic Security Instruction
ADR	Alternative dispute resolution
Affirm	The Tribunal may affirm a decision under review. This means that the original decision stands.
Applicant	This is the person, organisation, department or agency that has lodged an application with the Tribunal.
Application for extension of time	An application for review of a decision must be lodged with the Tribunal within a certain time limit. However, an application may be made to the Tribunal to extend the time for lodging an application.
APS	Australian Public Service
Case appraisal	Case appraisal is an alternative dispute resolution process conducted by a Tribunal member or other person, chosen on the basis of their knowledge of the subject matter, who assists the parties to resolve the dispute by providing a non-binding opinion on the facts in dispute and likely outcomes.
COAT	Council of Australasian Tribunals
Conciliation	Conciliation is an alternative dispute resolution process in which a Tribunal member or Conference Registrar assists the parties to identify the issues in dispute and endeavour to reach an agreement. The conciliator has no determinative role but may advise on or determine the conciliation process, make suggestions on terms of settlement and actively encourage the parties to reach an agreement.
Conference	A conference is a meeting conducted by a Tribunal member or Conference Registrar with the parties and/or their representatives. Conferences provide an opportunity to discuss and define the issues in dispute, identify further evidence that may be gathered, explore whether the matter can be settled and discuss the future conduct of the matter.
Confidentiality order	The Tribunal may make an order directing that a hearing or part of a hearing be held in private. The Tribunal may also give directions prohibiting or restricting the publication of the names of a party or witnesses, evidence given before the Tribunal or matters contained in documents lodged with the Tribunal.
CSS	Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme
Directions hearings	Directions hearings are conducted by Tribunal members and may be held to deal with procedural matters such as the exchange of statements or documents or to clarify issues relating to the conduct of a hearing. They may also be held to progress a matter in which there has been delay by a party.

Dismissal of application	In certain circumstances, the Tribunal may dismiss an application without proceeding to review the decision. An application may be dismissed, for example, at the request of the parties, if the applicant fails to appear at an ADR process, directions hearing or hearing, or if the Tribunal is satisfied that the application is frivolous or vexatious.
FMO	Finance Minister's Order
GST	Goods and Services Tax
Hearing	A hearing is conducted by one, two or three Tribunal members. It is the opportunity for the parties to present to the Tribunal evidence and submissions in relation to the decision under review. Parties may call witnesses to give evidence.
HSR	Health and Safety Representative
IASAJ	International Association of Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions
Interlocutory application	This is any application made by a party that relates to an application for review of a decision, including an application for an extension of time to lodge an application, an application to stay the operation of the decision under review or an application for a confidentiality order.
Mediation	Mediation is an alternative dispute resolution process in which a Tribunal member or Conference Registrar assists the parties to identify the issues in dispute, develop options, consider alternatives and endeavour to reach an agreement. The mediator has no advisory or determinative role in relation to the content of the dispute but may advise on or determine the mediation process.
MRT	Migration Review Tribunal
NAATI	National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters
Neutral evaluation	Neutral evaluation is an alternative dispute resolution process in which a Tribunal member or other person, chosen on the basis of their knowledge of the subject matter, assists the parties to resolve the dispute by evaluating the facts and law at issue in the dispute and providing a non-binding opinion on the likely outcomes.
OPA	Official Public Account
Outreach	This is a Tribunal program that provides self-represented parties with information about Tribunal practices and procedures and other assistance in relation to the review process.
Party	Parties are the participants in the proceedings before the Tribunal. Parties include the person who makes the application to the Tribunal, the decision-maker or other respondent to the application and any other person joined to the proceedings.

Party joined	Where a person, department or agency has applied to the Tribunal for review of a decision, any other person, department or agency whose interests are affected by the decision may apply to be made a party to the proceeding, and the Tribunal may grant that application. This person, department, or agency is a party joined.
Portfolio Budget Statements	Statements prepared to explain the Budget appropriations for agencies within a portfolio in terms of outcomes and programs.
PSS	Public Sector Superannuation Scheme
PSSap	Public Sector Superannuation accumulation plan
RRT	Refugee Review Tribunal
Remit	The Tribunal may set aside a decision and remit it (send it back) to the original decision-maker to be reconsidered in accordance with any directions or recommendations of the Tribunal.
Respondent	This is the party who responds to or answers an application. This is usually the department, agency or organisation that made the original decision.
Section 37 Documents	These are the statement and documents that a decision-maker must prepare and provide to the Tribunal and the other party under section 37 of <i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975</i> : known generally as the 'T Documents'. They include the reasons for the decision under review and all other relevant documents.
Set aside	The Tribunal may set aside a decision under review. The effect is that the Tribunal disagrees with the original decision and may make a new decision or remit the matter to the original decision-maker.
SSAT	Social Security Appeals Tribunal
Stay order	This is an order of the Tribunal to suspend the operation or implementation of the decision under review until the matter is determined or resolved.
Summons	This is a notice issued by the Tribunal calling a person to appear before it to give evidence or to produce documents to it.
T-Documents	See 'Section 37 Documents'.
TRACS	The Tribunal's electronic case management system.
Vary	The Tribunal may vary a decision under review. This means that the Tribunal changes or alters the original decision.
VRB	Veterans' Review Board