



An Binse um Achomhairc i dtaobh Cosaint Idirnáisiúnta
The International Protection Appeals Tribunal

Guideline No: 2017/2

Access to Previous Decisions

1. The Tribunal maintains a database of previous decisions of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal and the Refugee Appeals Tribunal.
2. All matters in a decision which would tend to identify a person as an applicant for refugee status have been redacted, so that the identity of applicants is kept confidential¹.
3. Any person may access² the database for any lawful purpose.
4. It may not be possible to place certain decisions in the database in circumstances where the Chairperson of the Tribunal is of the opinion that the identity of an applicant cannot be sufficiently protected by redacting information from the decision.

Barry Magee
Chairperson

International Protection Appeals Tribunal

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¹ As required by s.19 of the Refugee Act 1996 (as amended) and S.26 of the International Protection Act 2015.

² The current structure of the database is being retained whereby it is necessary for persons to apply to the Tribunal for a user name and password to obtain access. Access is also subject to certain conditions required to protect the identity of applicants.