

8. The hearing of the application

- (1) The date fixed for the hearing of the application shall be not less than 8 weeks from the date of issue of the summons.
- (2) The hearing shall in the first instance be before the Registrar in open court.
- (3) The Registrar shall either determine the case on the date fixed or adjourn it.
- (4) The Registrar shall adjourn the case for further consideration if—
 - (a) he forms the provisional opinion that a disqualification order ought to be made, and that a period of disqualification longer than 5 years is appropriate; or
 - (b) he is of opinion that questions of law or fact arise which are not suitable for summary determination.
- (5) If the Registrar adjourns the case for further consideration he shall—
 - (a) direct whether the case is to be heard by a Registrar or, if he thinks it appropriate, by a judge, for determination by him;
 - (b) state the reasons for the adjournment; and
 - (c) give directions as to the following matters—
 - (i) the manner in which and the time within which notice of the adjournment and the reasons for it are to be given to the respondent;
 - (ii) the filing in court and the service of further evidence (if any) by the parties;
 - (iii) such other matters as the Registrar thinks necessary or expedient with a view to an expeditious disposal of the application; and
 - (iv) the time and place of the adjourned hearing.
- (6) Where a case is adjourned other than to a judge, it may be heard by the Registrar who originally dealt with the case or by another Registrar.