



# Veterans' Review Board

## Practice Direction No 2 of 2014 Composition of panels

Effective: 28 July 2014

1. This Practice Direction deals with the composition of the VRB generally, for directions hearings and when a decision can be made by a single member of the VRB on the papers.
2. The VRB shall, under its legislation, for the purposes of a hearing of a review be constituted by three members, being the Principal Member or a Senior Member, a Services Member and one other member.
3. Pursuant to section 142(2) of the VEA, the Principal Member may, give directions as to the procedure and operations of the VRB generally and the conduct of reviews by the VRB.
4. As such, the Principal Member directs that any directions hearings in relation to a review, pursuant to section 148(4A), will be conducted by a single member of the VRB, unless that member determines that it is more appropriate that it be dealt with in a hearing constituted by a three member panel constituted in accordance with section 141(1) of the VEA.
5. Further, the Principal Member directs where particular reviews are referred for an alternative dispute resolution processes, a decision may be made by a single member of the VRB on the papers, where it is favourable to the applicant, unless the VRB determines that an oral hearing should be conducted by a three member panel constituted in accordance with section 141(1) of the VEA.
6. Further, the Principal Member directs that where particular reviews are referred for preliminary hearings they will be conducted by a single member of the VRB, unless that member determines that it is more appropriate that it be dealt with in a hearing constituted by a three member panel constituted in accordance with section 141(1) of the VEA.
7. Directions hearings and preliminary hearings will be conducted by the Principal Member or a Senior Member.

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