

DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF PETRA HENNIG MCFATRIDGE LEGAL MEMBER OF THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL WITH DELEGATED POWERS OF THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Under Rule 8 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2017 ("the Procedural Rules")

in connection with Case reference FTS/HPC/PR/25/4042

Parties

Ann-Michelle Kelly and Samantha Green (Applicant)

28 Cromarty Court Glenrothes Fife KY6 2NY (House)

- 1. On 19.9.25 the First –tier Tribunal for Scotland, Housing and Property Chamber (the FTT) received the application from the Applicant. The application was made under Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure. The application narrated that the reason for the application was that the Applicants had received a Notice to Leave and were opposing this. The application contained no information about a potential failure of the landlord to comply with The Tenanacy Desposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011.
- 2. The FTT wrote to the Applicants on 24.9.25 explaining that an application under rule 103 would not be appropriate for the matter the Appliants wished to achieve. No reply was received. The FTT wrote again asking for clarification of the application on 15.10.25. The reply received stated "Can I ask what information if required? I thought it wasn't' being taken as a case as it was only our notice to leave we were escalating?"
- 3. All documents are referred to for their terms and held to be incorporated herein.

B DECISION

 I considered the application in terms of Rule 8 of the Procedural Rules. That Rule provides:-

"Rejection of application

- 8. —(1) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must reject an application if –
- (a) they consider that the application is frivolous or vexatious;
- (b) the dispute to which the application relates has been resolved;
- (c) they have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application;
- (d) they consider that the application is being made for a purpose other than a purpose specified in the application; or
- (e) the applicant has previously made an identical or substantially similar application and in the opinion of the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the identical or substantially similar application was determined.
- (2) Where the Chamber President, or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, makes a decision under paragraph (1) to reject an application the First-tier Tribunal must notify the applicant and the notification must state the reason for the decision."
- 2. After consideration of the application, the attachments and correspondence from the Applicant, I consider that the application should be rejected in terms of Rule 8 (c) of the Rules of Procedure on the basis as the Tribunal has good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application.

C RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2017

- **103.** Where a tenant or former tenant makes an application under regulation 9 (**F65** First-tier Tribunal orders) of the 2011 Regulations, the application must—
- (a)state—
- (i)the name and address of the tenant or former tenant;
- (ii)the name, address and profession of any representative of the tenant or former tenant; and
- (iii)the name, address and registration number (if any) of the landlord;
- (b)be accompanied by a copy of the tenancy agreement (if available) or, if this is not available, as much information about the tenancy as the tenant or former tenant can give;
- (c)evidence of the date of the end of the tenancy (if available); and
- (d)be signed and dated by the tenant or former tenant or a representative of the tenant or former tenant.

Requirements for making an application

- 5.—(1) An application is held to have been made on the date that it is lodged if, on that date, it is lodged in the manner as set out in rules 43, 47 to 50, 55, 59, 61, 65 to 70, 72, 75 to 91, 93 to 95, 98 to 101, 103 or 105 to 111, as appropriate.
- (2) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must determine whether an application has been lodged in the required manner by assessing whether all mandatory requirements for lodgement have been met.
- (3) If it is determined that an application has not been lodged in the prescribed manner, the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, may request further documents and the application is to be held to be made on the date that the First-tier Tribunal receives the last of any outstanding documents necessary to meet the required manner for lodgement.

Regulation 9 of The Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011

- (1) A tenant who has paid a tenancy deposit may apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under regulation 10 where the landlord did not comply with any duty in regulation 3 in respect of that tenancy deposit.
- (2) An application under paragraph (1) must ... be made no later than 3 months after the tenancy has ended."

D REASONS FOR DECISION

- The Application is made under Rule 103 of the Procedural Rules. This rule relates to proceedings under regulation 9 of The Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 as set out above.
- 2. The application does not refer to any issues with the deposit and is asking for the Tribunal to dismiss or refuse a Notice to Leave issued to the Applicants.
- This is not a matter that can be addressed in an application under the The Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011. No issues regarding a failure of the landlord to lodge the tenancy deposit is being raised in the application.
- 4. The application is incompetent as it does not relate to a dispute regarding the tenancy deposit but to matters relating to a Notice to Leave. For all the above reasons it would not be appropriate to accept the application and it is thus rejected.

What you should do now

If you accept the Legal Member's decision, there is no need to reply. If you disagree with this decision:-

An applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Chamber President, or any Legal Member acting under delegated powers, may appeal to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland on a point of law only. Before an appeal can be made to the Upper Tribunal, the party must first seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal. That party must seek permission to appeal within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them. Information about the appeal procedure can be forwarded to you on request.

Petra Hennig-McFatridge

Petra Hennig McFatridge Legal Member 17 October 2025