

**MILK QUOTA APPEALS TRIBUNAL - PERMANENT ALLOCATIONS 2009/2010**  
**EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR APPLICANTS**

**1. PERMANENT ALLOCATIONS FROM MILK QUOTA NATIONAL RESERVE**

The Tribunal will give priority to **SMALL-SCALE** producers who are committed to and highly dependent on dairying.

**2. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM**

In assessing applications, the Tribunal will take account of the following factors:

- current quota size,
- commitment to dairying,
- off-farm income and/or other farm enterprises,
- size of holding,
- family circumstances, including succession,
- previous allocations from the National Reserve, and
- any other circumstances relevant to the application as outlined by the applicant.

Section 3 of the form, "Your Situation" allows each applicant to inform the Tribunal about the circumstances relating to their application. **You should try to make the best use of this space by being as clear and to the point as possible.** Before completing Section 3, you should consider what factors the Tribunal takes into account in assessing applications. Remember that supporting documents can be included. There is no need to repeat in Section 3 what you have already included at Section 1 or 2 of the form. However if the information on your farm and personal circumstances in those sections does not give an accurate reflection of your situation, you should explain this briefly in Section 3.

**Important:** **The application form must be completed in full. Otherwise, it will not be examined by the Tribunal.** Producers must also ensure that **Part B** of their application form is completed by their dairy/ co-operative and gives full details of the quantity of quota acquired in recent years.

**The onus for submitting an application to the Tribunal rests with the producer. Producers should note that the closing date for receipt of applications in Milk Policy Division, Kildare St, Dublin 2 is 19th June 2009.**

***The Department intends that all applications received in the Department prior to the closing date will be acknowledged before 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009.***

**3. CONDITIONS ON ALLOCATIONS**

Milk quota allocated under this Scheme will only be available to recipients while they remain in milk production.

Milk Policy Division  
May 2009

**Milk Purchasers:**

**Please attach a copy of this Explanatory Note to all application forms.**