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48. (1) The Minister may constitute a board known as the Appeal Board to investigate and consider any appeal referred to it in terms of section 47.

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- (a) one person must be appointed on account of his or her knowledge in the relevant fields of the law; and
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(3) The Minister must designate the person referred to in subsection (2)(a) as the chairperson.

(4) The remuneration of a member of the Board must be prescribed after consultation with the Minister of Finance.

(5) Any person appointed in terms of subsection (2) must recuse himself or herself as a member of the Board if he or she has any direct or indirect personal interest in the outcome of the appeal.

Investigation and consideration by Board

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(5) A person who appeals in terms of section 47, the Registrar and the designated authority may be represented at the appeal.

(6) If a member of the Board—

- (a) dies during the investigation or proceedings of the appeal or so soon before the commencement of the investigation that the vacancy cannot be filled in time;
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Consideration of appeal by Minister

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