

The Broadcast and Publication Standards Tribunal

What it is

- Independent body that will adjudicate only on application by companies in the Free Zone or by the Free Zone Authority itself, on appropriateness of media content produced by companies based in the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone.
- The Tribunal will be managed and run by the London-based Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CiArb) to ensure its independence.
- Submission of content to the Tribunal will be completely voluntary.
- Adjudications of the Tribunal will be based on regulations and 'Codes of Guidance' issued by the Free Zone.
- Regulations and Codes of Guidance are based on international best-practice examples.

What it is not

- The Tribunal is not a legal entity
- The Tribunal is not a censorship body
- The Tribunal will not be a filter of content.
- The Tribunal will not seek to ban or prohibit things, it will only issues recommendations (opinions).
- Free Zone companies will not be required to seek approval for their content from the Tribunal
- The Free Zone does not have a direct role in the running and management of the Tribunal.