

Vacancy Announcement Chairman for St. Eustatius Rent Tribunal

Following a decision by the Island Council, a rent tribunal will be established in Statia in the spring of 2024. The tribunal is an impartial entity that adjudicates disputes between tenants and landlords. It will provide information to prevent disputes and, if an agreement cannot be reached, issues binding rulings.

The tribunal will comprise a chairperson and two members—one with a tenant background and the other with a landlord background. The secretariat of the rent tribunal, led by the secretary, will support the tribunal in its statutory tasks.

The chairman of the rent tribunal is the public face of the committee, presiding over hearings and leading discussions. This role involves guiding the tribunal's deliberations and ensuring the quality and consistency of its decisions. The chairman serves as the main contact for the secretary, managing inquiries and hearing schedules, and is responsible for the overall quality of the organisation and dispute resolution process.

The chairman must be of upstanding character and sufficiently independent, capable of impartial judgment and authoritative action. The expected time commitment is approximately 8-12 hours per month, with sessions held once monthly. Training sessions are planned for the spring of 2024.

Candidate Profile for Chairman:

- Completed master's degree in law or equivalent academic level.
- Experience in chairing a dispute resolution committee or board.
- Knowledge of rent law and mediation skills are advantageous.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in Dutch and English.
- Sharp analytical ability and independent judgment.
- Ability to draft decisions in Dutch.
- Unifying personality, free from direct interests in tenant or landlord affairs.
- Resident of Statia.
- Ability to build and maintain an independent network.

For details about this role or the application process, contact Eveline Jacquemijns at jacquemijnshuurcommissie@ziggo.nl or Personnel.affairs@statiagov.com.

Applications, accompanied by a CV, should be sent by 15 January 2024 to Personnel.affairs@statiagov.com.

Interviews will be held in January.

The chairman will be appointed for a set number of years, with compensation established by island ordinance, expected to be \$150 per session or meeting and \$75 per hour for other work.