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This page provides you with information on Maltese case law.

Case-law

Presentation of decisions / Headline

Although keywords do not feature as a headline in the case law, there is a function in the national judgments application (part of the Legal Case Management system used at the Courts of Justice) whereby certain judgments deemed to be of interest are indexed. For example, a set of keywords together with a summary of the judgment is linked to the record.

One specific template is used for all court decisions, comprising the national coat of arms, court, judiciary name, sitting date, case reference number, litigants involved in the case (A vs B) followed by the actual text of the court judgment. The font, header and footer are also set within the template.

Formats

Case law is available in PDF format.

Further proceedings

	Supreme Courts	Other courts
Is information available: as to appeals?	Yes	Yes
as to whether a case is still pending?	Yes	Yes
as to the result of appeals?	Yes	Yes
as to the irrevocability of the decision?	Yes	Yes
as to further proceedings before - another internal court (Constitutional Court...)?	-	-
- the European Court of Justice?	Yes	Yes
- the Court of Human Rights?	No	No
	No	No

Publication rules

	on the national level?	on the level of courts?
Are there binding rules for the publication of case law	Yes	Yes

Current rules state that the judgment has to be made public without indicating through which medium.

Full case law is published in Malta.

All Family Court judgments are anonymised. Moreover, if the presiding judge orders the non-publication of the name of anyone of the litigants involved or accused, the judgment in this case is also anonymised.

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