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Scotland

This section provides you with a description of UK case law, focusing on the Scotland jurisdiction. The description concentrates on the case law that is available in databases that are accessible to the public.

Case law available in Scotland

Much of the case law from courts in the Scottish jurisdiction of the UK is available to the public.

Civil courts

Case law is published for the **Court of Session and the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords**, which will be replaced on 1 October 2009 by the new Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Judgments of particular interest from the Sheriff Courts are also published.

Criminal courts

Only judgments of significant points of law are published for the **Sheriff Courts and the High Court of Justiciary**, which is the Supreme Criminal Court for Scotland.

Decisions from family and some criminal cases may be made anonymous.

Case law has been published since 1998. Once a judgement is given, case law is usually published between 24 hours and 2 weeks later.

Legal databases

The [Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service](#) has published **judgments of the Sheriff Courts, Court of Session and the High Court of Justiciary** on its website since September 1998. Two separate searches are available covering the [Court of Session and the High Court of Justiciary](#) and the [Sheriff Courts](#). Access to these judgments is **free of charge**.

Judgments are available from the **Appellate Committee of the House of Lords** from 14th November 1996 to 30 July 2009. Access to these judgments is **free of charge**. In October 2009 the Supreme Court replaced the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords and its judgments are available on the [Supreme Court](#) website. Access to these judgments is **free of charge**.

There are also a number of national legal repositories and legal databases available.

The '[Baillii](#)' (**British and Irish Legal Information Institute**) database contains a collection of the decisions from the Court of Session since 1879, the High Court of Justiciary since 1914, the Sheriff Court since 1998 and the [House of Lords](#) since 1838. Access to these judgments is **free of charge**.

Decisions from the following Scottish Tribunals are available by following the links on the 'About Scottish Tribunals' page of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service website below:

The Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland

The First Tier Tribunal Housing and Property Chamber

The Lands Tribunal for Scotland

The Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland

The Scottish Charity Appeals Panel

The Tax Tribunals for Scotland

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

Decisions from the NHS Tribunal and National Appeals Panel are available on their individual websites:

NHS Tribunal

NHS Appeal Panel

The [Baillii website](#) also contains details of **decisions from various United Kingdom tribunals**:

Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber)

Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber)

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber)

First-tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber)

First-tier Tribunal (Health Education and Social Care Chamber)

First-tier Tribunal (Tax)

United Kingdom Competition Appeals Tribunal

Nominet UK Dispute Resolution Service

Special Immigrations Appeals Commission

United Kingdom Employment Appeal Tribunal

United Kingdom Financial Services and Markets Tribunals Decisions

United Kingdom Asylum and Immigration Tribunal

United Kingdom Information Tribunal including the National Security Appeals Panel

United Kingdom Special Commissioners of Income Tax Decisions

UK Social Security and Child Support Commissioners' Decisions

United Kingdom VAT & Duties Tribunals Decisions

United Kingdom VAT & Duties Tribunals (Customs) Decisions

United Kingdom VAT & Duties Tribunals (Excise) Decisions

United Kingdom VAT & Duties Tribunals (Insurance Premium Tax) Decisions

United Kingdom VAT & Duties Tribunals (Landfill Tax) Decisions

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