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European Case Law Identifier (ECLI)

Netherlands

National ECLI coordinator

The national ECLI coordinator is the Council for the Judiciary (*Raad voor de rechtspraak*): eciservice@rechtspraak.nl.

Country code

The country code for the Netherlands is: [NL]

Generation of national ECLIs

The ECLI was introduced in the Netherlands on 28 June 2013. An ECLI can be allocated to:

- all judicial decisions published on the website of the Council for the Judiciary: <http://www.rechtspraak.nl/>;
- all disciplinary decisions published on the website of the joint disciplinary authorities: <http://www.tuchtrecht.nl/>;
- all judicial decisions not published on the websites under (a) and (b) but published in magazines or databases, and judicial decisions published commercially as 'open access'. Magazine editors or database managers who wish to register their decisions can do so via the above email address;
- all judicial decisions kept in an internal database of the Council for the Judiciary.

Regardless of whether the decision itself is published on one of the two websites referred to above, the website <http://www.rechtspraak.nl/> publishes all Dutch ECLIs, together with at least the name of the body that delivered the decision, the date of the decision and the case number. Where known, publication references are also given for any reports of the decision in journals or databases.

Dutch ECLIs are made up of the following:

'ECLI';

The country code 'NL';

The court code - see under the heading 'ECLI court codes';

The year of the decision;

A serial number. There are two possible formats.

Before 28 June 2013, virtually all decisions published in the Netherlands were given an 'LJN' (*Landelijk JurisprudentieNummer* or country case number). This LJN always consisted of two letters and four figures, e.g.: 'AB1234'. For reasons of consistency this LJN has been included as the fifth part of the ECLI code. As of 28 June 2013, LJNs are no longer allocated. All decisions that are given an ECLI after that date have an ascending serial number consisting solely of figures. This may also be the case for decisions issued before 28 June 2013.

The most important court codes

The Netherlands has a large number of law courts. The codes of the most important Dutch courts are listed below.

On 1 January 2013 the organisation of the courts in the Netherlands changed significantly. Courts no longer in existence at 1 January 2013 are indicated as 'abolished'. On 1 April 2013 there was a further change. The courts that no longer exist since that date are also indicated as 'abolished'.

Highest Courts	
HR	Hoge Raad (Supreme Court)
PHR	Parket bij de Hoge Raad (Supreme Court Public Prosecutor's Office) (Advocate-General)
RVS	Raad van State (Council of State)
CRVB	Centrale Raad van Beroep (Court of last instance in social security matters)
CBB	College van Beroep voor het bedrijfsleven (Administrative court of last instance in matters of trade and industry)
Courts of Appeal	
GHAMS	Gerechtshof Amsterdam (Amsterdam Court of Appeal)
GHARL	Gerechtshof Arnhem-Leeuwarden
GHARN	Gerechtshof Arnhem (abolished)
GHDHA	Gerechtshof Den Haag
GHLEE	Gerechtshof Leeuwarden (abolished)
GHSGR	Gerechtshof 's-Gravenhage (abolished)
GHSHE	Gerechtshof 's-Hertogenbosch
District courts	
RBALK	Rechtbank Alkmaar (Alkmaar District Court) (abolished)
RBALM	Rechtbank Almelo (abolished)
RBAMS	Rechtbank Amsterdam
RBARN	Rechtbank Arnhem (abolished)
RBASS	Rechtbank Assen (abolished)
RBBRE	Rechtbank Breda (abolished)
RBDHA	Rechtbank Den Haag
RBDOR	Rechtbank Dordrecht (abolished)

RBGEL	Rechtbank Gelderland
RBGRO	Rechtbank Groningen (abolished)
RBHAA	Rechtbank Haarlem (abolished)
RBLEE	Rechtbank Leeuwarden (abolished)
RBLIM	Rechtbank Limburg
RBMAA	Rechtbank Maastricht (abolished)
RBMID	Rechtbank Middelburg (abolished)
RBMNE	Rechtbank Midden-Nederland
RBNHO	Rechtbank Noord-Holland
RBNNE	Rechtbank Noord-Nederland
RBOBR	Rechtbank Oost-Brabant
RBONE	Rechtbank Oost-Nederland (abolished)
RBOVE	Rechtbank Overijssel
RBROE	Rechtbank Roermond (abolished)
RBROT	Rechtbank Rotterdam
RBSGR	Rechtbank 's-Gravenhage (abolished)
RBSHE	Rechtbank 's-Hertogenbosch (abolished)
RBUTR	Rechtbank Utrecht (abolished)
RBZLY	Rechtbank Zwolle-Lelystad (abolished)
RBZUT	Rechtbank Zutphen (abolished)
RBZWB	Rechtbank Zeeland-West-Brabant

All court codes

A full list of Dutch court codes, in alphabetical order, is available in the [Annex\(73 Kb\)](#)  (73 Kb) [nl](#). Bodies no longer in existence are indicated as 'abolished'.

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