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Northern Ireland

#### Article 2 – Requested courts

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Country: United Kingdom  
Jurisdiction: Northern Ireland  
Instrument: Taking evidence  
Competence type: Requested courts

##### Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street  
City / Municipality : Belfast  
Postal code : BT1 3JF  
0044 (0)28 90 72 59 25  
0044 (0)28 90 23 51 86

#### Article 3 – Central body

Click on the below link to view all competent authorities related to this Article.

Country: United Kingdom  
Jurisdiction: Northern Ireland  
Instrument: Taking evidence  
Competence type: Central body

##### The Master (Queen's Bench and Appeals)

High Court Chichester Street Belfast  
City / Municipality : Belfast  
Postal code : BT1 3JF  
0044 (0)28 90 72 59 25  
0044 (0)28 90 23 51 86

[FrontOfHouseOfficeRCJ@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:FrontOfHouseOfficeRCJ@courtsni.gov.uk)

#### Article 5 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

English and French.

#### Article 6 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

Requests for all cases excluding Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders will be accepted by the designated courts by post only. Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance order cases under the established procedures can be accepted by post, fax or e-mail.

#### Article 17 – Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence

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Country: United Kingdom  
Jurisdiction: Northern Ireland  
Instrument: Taking evidence  
Competence type: Competent authority

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#### Article 21 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 21(2)

The United Kingdom does not intend to retain any bilateral agreements with other Member States for taking of evidence between the United Kingdom and the other Member States. It has, however, informed Member States with which it has bilateral agreements that it wants these agreements to continue to apply for cases between those Member States and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories that are not part of the European Union.

The countries with which the United Kingdom has bilateral agreements and the date of those agreements are as follows:

Austria 31/03/31	Greece 07/02/36
Belgium 21/06/22	Italy 17/12/30
Denmark 29/11/32	Netherlands 31/05/32
Finland 11/08/33	Portugal 09/07/31
France 02/02/22	Spain 27/06/29
Germany 20/03/28	Sweden 28/08/30

The United Kingdom Overseas Territories outside the European Union to which these bilateral agreements will continue to apply are:

Channel Islands

Isle of Man  
Anguilla  
Bermuda  
British Virgin Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Falkland Islands & Dependencies  
Montserrat  
Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri & Dhekelia (Cyprus)  
St Helena & Dependencies  
Turks & Caicos Islands

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