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Judicial College Prospectus 2026 to 2027



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Foreword

Welcome to the Judicial College Prospectus for 2026 to 2027. This document sets out the full training programme available for coroners, courts judges, magistrates and legal advisers, and tribunal judges and specialist members.

In 2026 to 2027, the Judicial College will be responsible for training approximately 30,000 judicial office holders on behalf of the Lady Chief Justice, Senior President of Tribunals and Chief Coroner. We are delivering an ambitious programme, which includes our new Senior Judicial Leadership Programme to strengthen leadership within the judiciary, and the launch of our flagship Practical Judgecraft residential seminar.

The prospectus provides a brief description of the content and aims of each of the College's courses. These courses are complemented by a range of digital training resources and publications to enhance and consolidate learning.

Alongside the prospectus, we are publishing an overview of training in domestic abuse for magistrates and judges in the family and criminal courts. It explains, for the first time, how training in domestic abuse is embedded across the curriculum. This marks an important step under the [Judicial College Strategy 2026 to 2030](#) to be more open about the content and development of judicial training, and to support greater public understanding of the College's role and work.

The Judicial College remains committed to providing training of the highest quality to enable judicial office holders from all backgrounds to achieve their full potential. We will continue to support the aims of the Judicial Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, and to build on our international engagement.

The College exists for the benefit of all our judicial office holders. We regularly hear from judges, magistrates and coroners about the importance of dedicated time for training, and of the opportunities given through training to share experiences and knowledge, and to learn from each other. Our work is only made possible by the judiciary, who give their time and expertise as trainers, and by the support of the College's professional teams.

Eleanor King

The Right Honourable Lady Justice King DBE
Chair of the Judicial College

Introduction

Role and responsibilities

The Judicial College (the College) fulfils the statutory responsibilities held by the Lady Chief Justice, Senior President of Tribunals and Chief Coroner to maintain appropriate arrangements for the guidance and training of the judiciary.

To safeguard judicial independence and in common with its international counterparts, the College follows the principle that training should be led by the judiciary, for the judiciary, supported by professional staff teams.

The College's activities are guided by the objectives in its [strategy for 2026 to 2030](#).

The prospectus

This prospectus shows the training programme available to all judicial office holders (JOHs) in 2026 to 2027, including brief descriptions of each course and the intended learning outcomes. In addition to the courses set out here, the College is providing a number of induction seminars in 2026 to 2027 for those taking on a judicial role for the first time or taking on responsibilities in new areas of law.

The programme of live induction and continuation courses sits alongside a wide range of other learning resources, including webinars, eLearning modules, guidance and training videos. The College also publishes a variety of materials, including the Equal Treatment Bench Book and regular jurisdictional eLetters.

Training requirements

Initial training

JOHs must complete induction training when they are appointed to their first judicial role and when they take on new areas of law, before they start to hear cases.

Within the first year of sitting, new courts and tribunals judges and coroners also complete a cross-jurisdictional induction. This focuses on essential judgecraft skills and knowledge to equip judges and coroners to achieve a fair hearing, effective communication and participation, and best evidence in all cases.

Judges taking on leadership roles attend the mandatory Essential Leadership Programme as soon as possible after appointment.

Ongoing training

All JOHs complete continuation training in regular cycles. Requirements vary depending on role and jurisdiction.

For some areas of law, training is mandatory with a fixed frequency. For example, judges who hear cases about serious sexual offences, murder or public family law must complete continuation training in those jurisdictions every three years.

Continuation training focuses on developing JOHs' knowledge and skills in their areas, and ensuring they are up to date with developments in legislation, case law, procedure and practice. Training needs and feedback are kept under regular review, and course content is updated or rewritten in the light of legislative or other changes.

Support for judicial trainers

The courts and tribunals training programme is directed, designed and delivered by judges appointed to training roles. New judicial trainers are required to attend seminars on course design and facilitation skills, and encouraged to attend a seminar on digital skills for trainers.

Coroners

Assistant Coroners' Consolidation

This course is designed for assistant coroners appointed between April 2025 and March 2026. It provides essential training to consolidate knowledge and build confidence in the role. Through focused sessions, delegates will develop the core skills required to carry out their duties effectively and uphold the highest standards of practice.

Chief Coroners' Conference

This annual mandatory two-day course provides senior, area and assistant coroners with enhanced knowledge of specific areas of law, along with practical guidance on applying that law in inquests. The course is designed to support coroners in making informed legal decisions and improving their practice through expert-led sessions and focused learning.

Coroners' Continuation Training

This mandatory two-day course equips senior, area and assistant coroners with enhanced legal knowledge and practical skills to support their work in inquests. Covering judgecraft, handling vulnerable witnesses, managing adversarial advocates and wellbeing in the face of traumatic material, the training also includes guidance on contempt of court and obtaining evidence from abroad. Delegates will benefit from shared experience and best practice across the coroner community, strengthening their confidence and capability in complex casework.

One-Day Medical Training

The annual one-day medical course provides senior, area and assistant coroners with specialist knowledge on a specific medical topic relevant to their work. Designed to support coroners in applying medical understanding during inquests, the course features expert-led presentations that focus on enhancing delegates' ability to interpret medical evidence and make informed decisions.

Courts

Civil

Administrative Law

This annual seminar is for salaried and fee-paid judges authorised to sit in the Administrative Court. It provides updates on judicial review law and procedure, offers opportunities to discuss current issues and supports knowledge-sharing through case studies and syndicate work.

Civil Continuation

This two-day seminar supports salaried and fee-paid judges who sit in the civil jurisdiction – either exclusively or in part – by enhancing their knowledge of civil law, procedure and practice. It also promotes personal and professional development through focused learning and discussion. Delegates select three modules from a choice of 14, including costs, complex damages, housing law, consumer law and capacity and discrimination.

King’s Bench Judges’ Seminar

This seminar provides judges sitting in the King’s Bench Division (including High Court masters and deputy High Court judges) with updates on substantive law and procedure, alongside practical guidance for managing common issues in civil cases. Through presentations and discussions, delegates will explore tools for effective case and party management, and receive insights from senior judiciary on current challenges. The seminar also addresses open justice, anonymity and communication strategies for handling litigants and witnesses.

Seminar for Business and Property Court Judges

This seminar is for judges authorised to sit in the Business and Property Courts (BPCs), and those with civil authorisations who are interested in developing the skills to do so. It focuses on the legal and procedural complexities of BPC cases, and equips judges with the tools to manage and try them effectively.

Civil and Family

Civil and Family Combined (Children)

This two-day course is designed for judges who sit across both civil and family jurisdictions, with a particular focus on private law children cases. It provides an integrated overview of key legal developments and judicial skills relevant to work across both jurisdictions, supporting confident and consistent decision-making. The course explores issues commonly arising in children cases, including participation, vulnerability and capacity, and supports judges in managing complex and sensitive proceedings effectively.

Civil and Family Combined (Money)

This two-day course supports judges who sit across both civil and family money jurisdictions – and those seeking to develop or consolidate their expertise in this area – by providing an integrated programme of legal updates and judicial skills development. With a focus on financial remedies, the course strengthens understanding of current law and practice, while supporting confident application in complex cases.

Court of Protection

Court of Protection Continuation

This course is designed for judges nominated to hear Court of Protection cases, offering an update on law, practice and judicial skills through expert-led seminars and practical group exercises. It provides an opportunity to refresh knowledge, explore topical issues and share experience with peers, ensuring delegates remain confident and effective in discharging their functions in this jurisdiction.

Criminal

Access to Justice 2: Advancing Procedural Fairness

Building on the foundations of the original Access to Justice course, this seminar explores evolving challenges in ensuring fairness and inclusivity in the courtroom. Aimed at salaried and fee-paid Crown Court judges, it offers practical techniques to adapt judicial style to a changing society and equips delegates with the skills to engage appropriately and fairly with the diverse range of court users they encounter.

Court and Case Management: Dealing with Challenging Situations

This seminar equips Crown Court judges – both salaried and fee-paid – with practical strategies to manage the wide range of challenges that can arise during proceedings. From unexpected developments to complex case dynamics, the course focuses on strengthening judicial confidence and adaptability in the courtroom, ensuring effective case progression and maintaining control in demanding situations.

Long and Complex Trials

This course is designed for judges who currently preside over, or aspire to undertake, longer and more complex Crown Court cases. Through directed learning and the exchange of experience, the seminar provides practical support and insight into managing intricate trials effectively. Delegates will gain confidence in handling challenging proceedings and deepen their understanding of the demands such cases present.

Murder Continuation

This continuation seminar supports High Court judges and authorised circuit judges in maintaining the specialist knowledge and judicial skills required to hear homicide cases. The course focuses on strengthening legal understanding, trial management and decision-making in complex and sensitive proceedings, ensuring judges remain well equipped to deal with the demands of serious criminal casework.

Serious Sexual Offences Continuation

This continuation course supports judges who hear serious sexual offence cases by providing structured training to maintain confidence, consistency and good practice. It focuses on strengthening judicial skills and understanding across the lifecycle of these cases, ensuring judges remain well equipped to manage complex and sensitive proceedings fairly and effectively.

The Art of Decision-Making and the Craft of Sentencing

This seminar supports Crown Court judges – both salaried and fee-paid – in developing the essential skills required for effective judicial practice. It focuses on enhancing judges' ability to make sound factual decisions, deliver clear and robust legal rulings, and pass sentences with confidence and precision. Through practical exercises and expert guidance, delegates will strengthen their decision-making capabilities in the courtroom.

District Judges (Magistrates' Court) and Deputies

Continuation

This course provides district judges and deputy district judges (magistrates' court) with a comprehensive update on relevant legislation and case law to support their judicial practice.

Extradition

This course provides an essential update for district judges (magistrates' court) who are authorised in the extradition jurisdiction. It focuses on recent developments in case law and evolving practices within extradition proceedings. Through interactive workshops, delegates will enhance their understanding and share best practices for handling complex arguments in extradition cases.

Family

Complex Money

This seminar is for fee-paid and salaried judges handling complex financial remedy cases. It offers updates on case law and case management, with opportunities to explore current issues through lectures and syndicate discussions, enhancing judicial confidence in managing high-value disputes.

Family Appeals

Aimed at circuit judges hearing appeals in children and financial remedy cases, this one-day seminar provides practical guidance on the law and procedure of Family Court appeals. It covers applications for leave, structuring and conducting appeals, and delivering judgments, with opportunities for peer exchange and reflection.

High Court Judge Seminar

This invitation-only seminar is designed for judges of the Family Division of the High Court. It provides an opportunity to review and develop knowledge and skills across the full range of family law work undertaken at High Court level. Through presentations and discussion, the course addresses recent legal developments and practical challenges.

Middle Money

This seminar is for judges with some experience in financial remedies who wish to deepen their knowledge beyond the induction level. It offers updates on current issues and case law, with opportunities for discussion and peer learning, supporting confident decision-making in more complex financial remedy cases.

Private Law Continuation

This seminar is for judges with private law authorisation and provides an opportunity to review and develop their approach to private family law cases. Through topical discussions and case law updates, delegates will enhance their understanding of current issues, including developing a deeper understanding of the impact of domestic abuse (with a specific focus on the impact upon children), and maintain confidence in exercising their jurisdiction effectively.

Public and Private Law Continuation

This interactive seminar is for judges authorised in both public and private law, offering updates on recent developments in law and practice across both areas. Through papers, presentations and syndicate discussions, delegates will enhance their confidence in managing family cases, share experiences and explore key issues, including neurodiversity and complex case dynamics.

Public Law Continuation

This seminar is aimed at judges authorised to hear public law cases in the Family Court. It provides essential updates on law, procedure and research, alongside practical guidance on topics such as neurodiversity, adoption, domestic abuse and child participation. Delivered through presentations and syndicate discussions, the course supports confident and informed decision-making in public law proceedings.

Section 9 Seminar

This course helps family judges authorised under section 9 Senior Courts Act to sit in the High Court to strengthen their approach to this jurisdiction by exploring key legal principles, current developments and complex issues affecting practice. It promotes informed decision-making through discussion, reflection and practical guidance, while encouraging inclusive judicial practice and peer learning to support effective handling of challenging cases.

Magistrates

Domestic Abuse

This training is essential for all magistrates, focusing on recognising coercive control, the influence of personal and societal bias, and the impact on survivors of non-fatal strangulation. The course supports fair, well-structured decision-making in domestic abuse cases, including understanding non-violent coercion and the effects of non-fatal strangulation.

Youth Crime

This is essential training for all youth magistrates, focused on strengthening confidence and competence when engaging with children. The course supports structured decision-making on bail or remand, allocation and sentencing, with an emphasis on trauma-informed practice and creating a safe courtroom environment.

Bench Chair

This is essential training for magistrates newly elected as bench chairs. The course equips delegates with the skills and knowledge to fulfil the bench chair role confidently and effectively, including leadership of the bench, fair and inclusive practice, governance responsibilities and managing pastoral, conduct and courtroom performance issues.

Deputy Bench Chair

This is essential training for magistrates newly elected as deputy bench chairs. The course prepares delegates to support the bench chair effectively, developing the skills and understanding needed to contribute to leadership, governance, and fair and inclusive management of pastoral, conduct and courtroom performance matters.

Family Panel Chair

This is essential training for magistrates newly elected as family panel chairs. The course equips delegates with the knowledge and skills to lead the family panel effectively, including managing panel practices, working with key judicial and operational partners, and handling pastoral, conduct and competence matters in a fair, inclusive and transparent way.

Deputy Family Panel Chair

This is essential training for magistrates newly elected as deputy family panel chairs. The course supports delegates to assist the family panel chair effectively, focusing on role responsibilities, governance and committee involvement, diversity and inclusion, and the appropriate handling of pastoral, conduct and competence issues.

Training, Approvals, Authorisations and Appraisals Committee Chairs

This training is for newly appointed Training, Approvals, Authorisations and Appraisals Committee (TAAAC) chairs and deputies. The course develops the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to manage TAAACs effectively, supporting fair, transparent and evidence-based decision-making and strong working relationships.

Training, Approvals, Authorisations and Appraisals Committee Members

Essential training for newly appointed TAAAC members. The course equips members with the knowledge, skills and confidence to carry out TAAAC Committee functions effectively, supporting fair, transparent and evidence-based decision-making in line with agreed policies and procedures.

Magistrates' legal advisers

Legal Adviser Training, Approvals, Authorisation and Appraisal Committee Workshop

This is essential training for legal advisers supporting TAAACs. The course equips delegates with the knowledge and skills required to provide accurate advice and guidance to TAAACs, ensuring committees operate in line with good practice guidance, the Justice of the Peace Rules 2016 and local constitutions.

Mentor Training for Legal Advisers

Essential training for legal advisers mentoring trainee legal advisers. The course equips delegates with the skills and knowledge needed to advise, assist, guide and support a trainee legal adviser successfully through the relevant induction programme, ensuring effective mentoring and development in line with good practice and organisational standards.

First-tier Tribunal

General Regulatory Chamber

Judge and Member Continuation Training

This course provides all judges and non-legal members of the General Regulatory Chamber with updates on regulatory law, tribunal procedure and judgecraft skills. It also offers insights into the chamber's broader administrative developments and promotes discussion around diversity, equality and inclusion within the judiciary. Delegates will engage in knowledge-sharing across jurisdictions and reflect on their roles in fostering a more inclusive judicial environment.

Health, Education and Social Care Chamber

Mental Health Tribunal and Special Educational Needs and Disability

Autism from the Inside

In this training, tribunal members will gain direct insights from autism experts by experience, learning about their lived experiences, sensitivities and practical adjustments that can support individuals both in daily life and during tribunal hearings. The course features an update from a leading clinician on broader service issues affecting autistic people across all ages. It also covers care and treatment reviews, and care, education and treatment reviews, explaining their organisation, benefits and relevance to tribunal hearings. This course is suitable for all members who sit in the Mental Health Tribunal or Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal, offering a comprehensive introduction to autism from both clinical and experiential perspectives.

Tribunalcraft for Non-Judges

This one-day course is designed for specialist and medical members, offering practical guidance on applying specialist expertise to ensure fair and just outcomes. It focuses on communication, cognitive bias, evidence assessment and effective panel participation, supporting members in developing confidence and consistency in their tribunal role.

Mental Health Tribunal

Core Course

This is a two-day residential programme for JOHs sitting in the Mental Health Tribunal, offered on a three-year cycle. It provides up-to-date training on law, psychiatry and social practice, with a focus on complex and current issues, such as eating disorders, homelessness, service commissioning, deprivation of liberty, liaison psychiatry and recent legislative and case law developments. The course encourages knowledge sharing and networking among judges, medical members and specialist lay members, using classroom learning and scenario-based group work to deepen understanding and practical skills.

Adjournments, Recommendations and Withdrawals

This course addresses common procedural issues encountered during tribunal hearings, focusing on applications for adjournment or withdrawal and the making of recommendations. It provides an update on recent relevant Upper Tribunal decisions and explores the factors panels should consider when deciding whether to adjourn a hearing, including the clinical readiness of the patient, the advisability of hearing evidence and the overall impact of adjournment. The course

also examines the reasons behind withdrawal requests and highlights key considerations for panels. Delivered through a mix of lectures and facilitated group work, the course encourages questions and the sharing of experiences.

Aftercare

This new course focuses on aftercare under section 117 of the Mental Health Act, exploring what aftercare means in practice for detained patients. It is designed to help tribunal members understand what information is needed to make decisions about discharge and how to proceed when such information is unavailable. Aimed at JOHs who are not specialists in this area, the course provides deeper insights into how aftercare arrangements work and how these issues can influence panel decisions on statutory criteria. The training is particularly relevant for those seeking to enhance their practical understanding of aftercare in tribunal settings.

Back to Basics

This course is designed for all types of Mental Health Tribunal JOHs, regardless of their level of tribunal experience, and aims to refresh delegates' knowledge of statutory criteria and rules relevant to Mental Health Tribunals. Through group discussions about real-life cases and a filmed tribunal hearing, delegates will critique panel performance and reflect on their own practice. The course provides an opportunity to revisit foundational principles, identify good and poor practices, and enhance confidence in applying statutory criteria during hearings.

CAMHS for Newly Appointed CAMHS Members

This mandatory course is tailored for newly appointed members of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) panel, forming part of their required continuation training. It focuses on the unique challenges of diagnosing and treating CAMHS patients, managing tribunal hearings and understanding emerging disorders and CAMHS-specific diagnoses. The course includes updates on relevant law and issues, input from experts by experience and opportunities for reflective practice, aiming to build expertise, increase empathy and develop skills for managing sensitive situations in CAMHS tribunals.

Deaf and Mentally Disordered – Tribunal Issues

This course is designed for all Mental Health Tribunal JOHs and focuses on the complexities of managing tribunal hearings involving patients who are both deaf and have a mental disorder. Delegates will gain insights from professionals and individuals with lived experience, exploring the challenges in diagnosis, treatment and communication. The course highlights the role of interpreters, barriers to participation and strategies to ensure fair hearings. It aims to enhance understanding, empathy and practical skills to support inclusive and effective tribunal processes.

Decision-Making and Reasons Writing

This course supports all members of the Mental Health Tribunal in improving their decision-making and reasons writing. Using guidance from the Upper Tribunal, example decisions and practical exercises, delegates will learn to identify strong reasoning, avoid common drafting errors and comply with the Senior President of Tribunals' Practice Direction. The training promotes clarity, brevity and collaboration in writing decisions that accurately reflect all members' views.

Complex Hearings

Open to all member types, this course provides a collaborative space to explore the challenges encountered during particularly complex tribunal hearings. Through practical scenarios and reflective discussions, delegates will develop skills to anticipate, manage and resolve difficulties

that arise in hearings. The course encourages learning from shared experiences and aims to build confidence, initiative and clarity around individual roles and responsibilities in navigating difficult situations.

Focusing on Mental Health Law for Judges

Targeted at Mental Health Tribunal judges, this course offers a focused opportunity to deepen legal knowledge and procedural understanding, especially for those new to the jurisdiction or not regularly practising mental health law. It includes updates on legislation, case law and guidance, as well as peer-led discussions on complex legal issues such as aftercare and procedural decisions. The course fosters reflective learning and peer support, helping judges enhance their decision-making and legal reasoning in tribunal settings.

Impact and Treatment of Mental Disorders

This course is primarily aimed at legal and specialist members, and offers a deeper understanding of the lived experience of mental disorders and their treatments. Through seminars and interactive sessions, delegates explore topics such as relapse prevention, personalised medication and psychological therapies, including trauma-focused and compassion-based approaches. The course also addresses reasonable adjustments at hearings, aiming to enhance empathy and awareness of the challenges faced by individuals with mental health conditions.

Law for Non-Lawyers

Designed for specialist and medical members of the Mental Health Tribunal, this course equips non-legal professionals with the legal knowledge necessary to participate effectively in tribunal decision-making. Covering key areas such as legal criteria for detention, deprivation of liberty safeguards, evidence assessment and tribunal procedure rules, the course combines lectures with group work. Delegates will gain confidence in applying legal frameworks, understanding discharge criteria and navigating complex procedural issues.

Medical Members' Update

This course provides medical members with updated clinical knowledge relevant to tribunal work and clarifies their specific role within hearings. Delivered through interactive lectures and small group case discussions, it offers opportunities to explore tribunal issues and refresh understanding of current clinical practices.

Mental Capacity for the Mental Health Tribunal

This course is designed for all JOHs sitting on Mental Health Tribunals and provides a comprehensive refresher on the Mental Capacity Act (MCA), including its key principles and relevance to tribunal work. Delegates will explore how capacity issues arise in hearings, how to manage cases involving patients who lack capacity and the application of deprivation of liberty safeguards, with particular focus on young people aged 16 to 17. The course uses plenary presentations and small group work to ensure delegates feel confident in applying the MCA, including any changes resulting from new legislation.

Restricted Panel Judge Training

This course equips delegates with the knowledge and skills needed to run hearings involving restricted patients. It covers recent case law, updates on conditional discharge and procedures regarding victims attending hearings. The course focuses on helping judges reach legally correct, well-reasoned, and robust decisions, and provides opportunities to discuss best practices and challenges with peers.

Restricted Patient Panel Cases Revisited

This course is intended for all medical and specialist lay members who sit on restricted cases, offering an in-depth update on the law and procedures relevant to restricted patient hearings. Delegates will review recent case law, learn about legislative changes affecting victims' involvement and conditional discharges, and discuss strategies for addressing challenging issues in restricted patient panel hearings. The aim is to ensure delegates are well prepared to contribute to fair, legally sound and effective tribunal decisions.

Specialist Members' Update

This one-day course is designed exclusively for specialist members and provides updates and new learning on a wide range of legal and practical issues specific to their role in the Mental Health Tribunal. Topics include family matters, victims' issues, navigating health and social care, managing self-neglect and troubleshooting complex scenarios. The course is highly interactive, encouraging peer learning and collective problem-solving, with a focus on applying knowledge to real-world challenges and reflecting on complex cases.

Specialist Members' Year One Consolidation

Aimed at specialist members who completed induction training in July 2025, this course consolidates and builds on their first year of tribunal experience. It provides a forum to share positive and challenging experiences, deepen understanding of tribunal rules, discuss restricted cases and explore developments in community care. Delegates will have their legal questions answered by a district tribunal judge and will reflect on evidence-gathering and teamwork, ensuring a strong foundation for ongoing tribunal work.

Unusual Hearings

Open to all JOHs in mental health, this course focuses on less frequently encountered but important tribunal hearings, such as nearest-relative applications, section 7 guardianship, repatriation referrals and cross-jurisdictional case management. Delegates will explore the distinct legal frameworks, procedural differences and practical challenges of these cases, gaining confidence in managing unusual hearings and using resources including templates and precedents. The course also encourages sharing of experiences and reflective practice to enhance preparedness for complex scenarios.

Thinking About Risk

This course invites delegates to reflect on their personal approach to risk and how it influences decision-making under the statutory criteria for detention. It explores risk in relation to older patients and those with learning disabilities, incorporating insights from a specialist member and a consultant forensic psychiatrist. Through case studies, plenary sessions and small group discussions, delegates will examine best practices and gain a deeper understanding of risk assessment in tribunal settings.

Tribunal Judge Year One Consolidation

This compulsory course is for judges who completed their induction training in November 2025. It provides a space for shared reflection and learning within the cohort, helping judges consolidate their understanding of the role and address challenges encountered during their first year of sitting. Topics may include applying tribunal rules, drafting directions, current guidance and capacity issues. The course is tailored to the cohort's evolving needs and aims to strengthen confidence and competence in judicial decision-making.

Special Education Needs and Disability

Compulsory Update

This compulsory course for all judges and specialist members sitting in the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) jurisdiction ensures delegates are up to date with the latest legal and practical developments. Delegates will review recent case law, understand forthcoming changes in the operation of the SEND jurisdiction, and share good practice and experiences with peers, supporting consistent and informed decision-making across the jurisdiction.

Consolidation for Newer Judges

This course is compulsory for all judges who completed induction training during 2025 and are now sitting in SEND cases. Its purpose is to help newer judges consolidate their induction learning, refresh their knowledge of the legal framework and procedural issues relevant to SEND appeals, and provide a forum to raise practical problems encountered since starting to sit. The course encourages sharing of common difficulties and good practice among peers, supporting judges to embed their knowledge and develop confidence in handling SEND cases.

Disability Discrimination Update

Aimed at JOHs who hear disability discrimination claims in schools, this course delivers updates on recent legal developments, changes to practice and procedure, and future operational changes in the jurisdiction. Delegates will learn to identify and apply the latest case law, understand upcoming changes and share good practice and experiences with peers, supporting consistent and informed decision-making.

Educational Placements and Costs

This course aims to consolidate JOHs' knowledge of educational placements, focusing particularly on the complexities of calculating placement costs. Delegates will refresh their understanding of the law, learn to identify and assess the evidence required for cost calculations, and practise applying these skills to complex cases, ensuring decisions are both lawful and financially sound.

Making Health and Social Care Recommendations

This course provides a thorough grounding in the legal framework for making health and social care recommendations in extended appeals. Delegates will explore the intersection of health, social care and education, learn to identify the necessary evidence and develop the skills to make effective, evidence-based recommendations for children and young people with complex needs.

Placements Outside of School or College

This course focuses on the increasing number of appeals involving education other than in school or college, or alternative provision. Delegates will explore the legal framework, reasons for alternative placements, the range of available options and how to appropriately record these in education, health and care plans, equipping them to handle such cases with confidence and clarity.

Care Standards and Primary Health Lists

Care Standards and Primary Health Lists Annual Training

This compulsory update training is designed for all JOHs sitting in the Care Standards and Primary Health Lists jurisdictions. The course provides essential updates on legal, practical and

strategic developments relevant to these jurisdictions. Delegates will gain a clear understanding of recent case law, appeal statistics and changes in policy and practice affecting regulators. The training includes presentations, Q&A sessions and small group work to support interactive learning and discussion.

Immigration and Asylum Chamber (IAC)

Continuation Training

This annual course provides essential updates on recent case law, legislative developments and contemporary issues, and offers insights to support consistent and informed judicial decision-making. By the end of the course, delegates will be better equipped to apply legal updates and best practice in their work.

IAC Residential

This is a two-year rolling programme which focuses on enhancing judgecraft skills through practical training, ensuring that appeals are handled justly, fairly and proportionately. The course also fosters collegiality among the judiciary, promoting a supportive and collaborative professional environment.

Leadership Development Conference

This course is tailored for resident and assistant resident judges, and focuses on strengthening leadership capabilities and consolidating the knowledge of senior judicial figures. It aims to prepare delegates to lead effectively through current and emerging challenges in the judicial landscape. The course is designed to support strategic thinking, team leadership and the development of practical leadership skills.

Property Chamber

Land Registration

Land Registration Half-Day Conference

This continuation training session is designed for all judges in the Land Registration Division and provides a concise update on current issues and developments in land registration. The half-day format allows for focused learning and discussion, ensuring judges remain informed and equipped to handle cases effectively within this specialised jurisdiction.

Land Registration Annual Conference

Serving as the main annual continuation training for Land Registration Division judges, this conference offers a comprehensive overview of legal updates, procedural changes and emerging trends in land registration. It supports professional development and consistency in decision-making across the division, fostering shared learning and collaboration among judicial colleagues.

Mediation Salaried Training

This refresher course is specifically tailored for salaried judges in the Land Registration Division who are due for mediation training. It reinforces core mediation skills and techniques, helping judges maintain best practice standards in resolving disputes through alternative methods. The course is part of required learning and ensures ongoing competence in mediation within the Land Registration Division.

Residential Property

Continuing Professional Development

This two-day residential continuation seminar, offered over a three-year cycle, supports the ongoing development of judicial members. It provides a structured opportunity for reflection, peer engagement and enhancement of judicial skills, ensuring consistent professional development aligned with members' roles.

Regional Training Day

Regional Training Days are tailored learning events designed to support JOHs across the Residential Property Division. These courses provide updates on current and proposed legislative changes, case law developments and professional practice relevant to each region. Training is delivered locally, allowing delegates to attend sessions within their assigned region, ensuring relevance to their jurisdiction. These training days support induction for new judges and reinforce ongoing professional development for experienced members.

Social Entitlement Chamber

Social Security and Child Support Tribunal (SSCS)

Benefit Appeals Refresher Training

This biennial programme is for salaried and fee-paid judges with a 01 (benefit appeals) ticket, providing an opportunity to share best practices, discuss topical issues and update legal knowledge relevant to 01 appeals. The course aims to develop delegates' legal knowledge and judicial skills, building their confidence in determining 01 appeals through collaborative learning and discussion.

One-Day Medical

Aimed at medically qualified tribunal members, this course is the first year of a new two-year rolling programme. It offers a forum to share best practice and experience, explore a relevant medical topic in detail and to further develop both medical and judicial skills, ultimately enhancing confidence in determining appeals.

Disability Qualified Refresher

This course is part of a two-year rolling programme for disability-qualified tribunal members and focuses on enhancing their participation in hearings related to Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance. Delegates will update their legal knowledge, particularly around recent Upper Tribunal decisions and key PIP rules in the 2013 Regulations, and develop strategies for managing panel disagreements and challenging behaviour. The training encourages experience-sharing and aims to build confidence in handling complex tribunal dynamics.

Financially Qualified Refresher

This biennial course is designed for financially qualified tribunal members and provides a platform to share best practices, explore legal and practical issues in child support and related hearings, and strengthen judicial skills. Delegates will deepen their legal understanding and gain confidence in determining appeals, with a focus on collaborative learning and professional development.

Residential for Judges

Targeted at fee-paid tribunal judges, this residential training forms part of a two-year cycle and offers updates on regional and national issues affecting Social Security and Child Support. The course supports the development of legal knowledge and judicial skills, while providing opportunities for judges to share experiences and refine their approach to appeals through peer engagement and practical learning.

Salaried Annual Training

This annual event is mandatory for salaried SSCS JOHs, including regional and district tribunal judges and salaried medical members. It provides a platform to share best practice across regions, discuss current issues and update legal knowledge, with the aim of developing judicial skills and increasing confidence in determining appeals.

Tribunal Member Refresher Training

Part of a three-year rolling programme, this course supports fee-paid tribunal judges, medical members and disability-qualified members in developing their legal knowledge, judicial skills and inclusive practice. With a focus on Disability Living Allowance and PIP appeals, delegates will explore complex case scenarios, improve questioning techniques, apply reasonable adjustments and engage in peer-led discussions to enhance decision-making and professional collaboration.

Asylum Support Tribunal

Annual Training

This course is designed to keep all JOHs in the Asylum Support Tribunal (AST) up to date with current law, procedure and new case law relevant to their work. It also addresses diversity and inclusion issues and provides targeted training on judicial skills specific to the AST. The annual training responds to judges' evolving needs, as identified through feedback and correspondence, and ensures that all delegates are equipped with the latest knowledge and best practices for their role.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal

Annual Conference

This conference brings together all tribunal judges and members for in-person discussions of key issues and essential updates relevant to their work. Attendance is mandatory to support a consistent approach across hearings and to embed recent case law into practice. Tribunal judges and members, together with HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) legal officers who undertake preliminary casework, are expected to attend. The conference supports effective hearing conduct and addresses key issues arising in Criminal Injuries Compensation appeals, with a focus on applying and adapting judgecraft to current challenges.

Summer Training

This course provides updates on key issues and opportunities for discussion for tribunal judges, members and HMCTS legal officers. Attendance is expected for all tribunal judges and members, as well as legal officers involved in preliminary casework. The course supports effective hearing conduct in Criminal Injuries Compensation appeals, with a focus on applying judgecraft to evolving tribunal practice.

Tax Chamber

Tax Annual Conference

This mandatory course for judges and members sitting in the First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) and Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber) provides advanced training in substantive tax law and judicial skills. It covers recent legal developments, analytical reasoning, decision-making and diversity and inclusion in adjudication. Delivered through presentations, case studies and group discussions, the course fosters collaboration and reflection, helping delegates strengthen their expertise and contribute to a cohesive judicial community.

War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Chamber

Annual Conference

This is a mandatory training course for all chamber members, which equips tribunal members with the necessary skills and knowledge to manage and adjudicate appeals effectively.

Upper Tribunal

Administration Appeals Chamber

Annual Conference

This annual training day is designed for all judges and registrars in the chamber. It aims to provide knowledge and practical insights that enhance the performance of delegates in their roles, supporting their ongoing professional development and effectiveness as judges and registrars within the chamber.

Immigration and Asylum Chamber

Deputies' Training

This continuation training is mandatory for Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber deputy judges and optional for section 9 judges, who are authorised to act as High Court judges. It focuses on current legal and practical issues affecting the Tribunal, including judicial review. Delivered through group discussions and updates, the seminar supports confident decision-making and awareness of welfare and inclusion matters.

Salaried Training

This mandatory residential seminar for all Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber salaried judges in the chamber provides updates on recent cases and legislation, decision-writing, security concerns, resilience and the Judicial Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2026-2030. It offers a valuable opportunity for peer engagement and professional reflection.

Lands Chamber

Planning Conference

This annual conference provides salaried judges and members of the Upper Tribunal and all three divisions of the Property Chamber with a dedicated forum to reflect on chamber-wide priorities, share insights and plan for the year ahead. The event focuses on legal and policy developments affecting the jurisdictions, offering space for strategic discussion and collaborative planning. It supports judicial leadership and cohesion across the chamber, ensuring alignment with evolving legislative frameworks and operational needs.

Tax and Chancery Chamber

Upper Tribunal Tax and Chancery Financial Services Judges' Training

Mandatory for all JOHs handling financial services cases in the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber), this course ensures delegates are up to date with legal and procedural developments. It includes case studies, administrative-process insights and guidance on effective case management. Delegates will refine their judicial skills, apply diversity and inclusion principles and enhance collaboration.

Employment Tribunals

Employment Tribunal (England and Wales)

Continuing Professional Development

This two-day residential seminar is for fee-paid and salaried employment judges. It provides essential updates on employment law, including discrimination, human rights, employment status and artificial intelligence (AI) in the workplace. The course also offers practical strategies for managing hearings, supporting effective participation and delivering timely judgments. Through group work and peer discussion, judges of varying experience levels share insights and refresh their understanding of tribunal systems and procedures.

Regional Training for Judges

This course updates employment judges on jurisdictional and legislative changes, and supports fair and effective hearing management. It includes practical sessions on digital tools and encourages the sharing of good practice and strategies among colleagues.

Regional Training for Non-Legal Members

This course updates non-legal members on employment law and tribunal developments. It focuses on hearing conduct, decision-making strategies and use of digital resources, while promoting peer learning and confidence in tribunal work.

Regional Employment Judges' Conference

This two-day residential course supports regional employment judges (REJs) and acting REJs in strengthening judicial leadership. It covers strategic planning, regional updates, reform initiatives and key areas such as training, IT, alternative dispute resolution, diversity and inclusion and access to justice, fostering collaboration and best-practice sharing.

Employment Tribunal (Scotland)

Judges' Continuing Professional Development

This course is designed to keep employment judges in Scotland up to date with the latest developments in employment law, including legislation, case law and procedural updates. It also focuses on enhancing judicial skills such as case management, hearing conduct, decision-making and judgment writing. Delegates will explore best practices and digital resources to support their work, ensuring they remain confident and effective in their roles.

Judges' Refresher Training

This refresher course offers employment judges in Scotland an opportunity to revisit and deepen their understanding of key topics relevant to their judicial duties. Through focused sessions, delegates will refresh their knowledge, share experiences and explore good practice. The training aims to strengthen both subject matter expertise and confidence in applying it within the tribunal setting.

Non-Legal Members' Continuing Professional Development

This course is designed to update non-legal members on recent developments in employment law and to enhance their judicial skills. It covers legislative and procedural updates and strategies for effective hearing conduct and decision-making, and introduces digital tools to support tribunal work. Delegates will leave with increased confidence and awareness of best practices and resources relevant to their role.

Non-Legal Members' Refresher Training

Tailored for non-legal members, this compulsory refresher course provides in-depth exploration of a key topic central to tribunal work. It supports delegates in updating their knowledge, sharing insights and reinforcing good practice. The course is designed to enhance understanding and boost confidence in applying the training to real-world judicial scenarios.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Judges and Lay Members' Continuation Training

This annual training day acquaints all judges and lay members authorised to sit in the Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) with legal and other developments of current interest and relevance to their work. It features an address from the President of the EAT, as well as talks and discussions led by academic speakers and EAT judges on recent legal and practical developments. Delegates will be updated on significant statistics, the economic impact of the Employment Rights Act 2026 and other current issues.

Cross-jurisdictional

New judges

Practical Judgecraft

This seminar supports newly appointed judges, coroners and deputy High Court judges in developing essential judgecraft for effective fact-finding and decision-making in courts and tribunals. Through interactive sessions, delegates will explore standards of conduct, fair and inclusive hearings, and strategies for resilience and wellbeing. The course equips delegates to foster best practice and confidence in their judicial role.

Appraisers and mentors

Appraisal Skills

This interactive, skills-based seminar is designed for all newly appointed judicial appraisers. Focusing on the core skills and knowledge needed throughout the appraisal process, the course enables delegates to practise observing, assessing and giving feedback using the new Judicial Skills and Abilities Framework. After attending, appraisers can refresh their skills as needed using the Guide for Judicial Appraiser eLearning.

Mentoring Skills

This interactive workshop is designed for JOHs appointed as mentors through the judiciary's mentoring schemes. The course explores the respective responsibilities of mentors and mentees, establishes clear expectations and boundaries, and develops essential mentoring skills such as active listening, asking insightful questions and focusing on the mentee's development. Delegates will practise a range of mentoring and communication tools, and review strategies for addressing common challenges with confidence and professionalism.

Leadership

Essential Leadership Programme

This is a mandatory three-day programme for newly appointed judicial leaders with pastoral responsibility, designed to build the judgement, skills and confidence needed to lead effectively in the judiciary. Co-delivered by experienced leadership judges and College experts, it combines presentations, case-based discussion, peer-learning groups and practical activities.

Senior Leadership Programme

Designed for senior judicial leaders, this programme supports delegates to enhance their leadership impact and navigate complex and evolving challenges. Through a blend of workshops, masterclasses and personalised development, the programme brings together a diverse cohort from across the judiciary to explore key leadership behaviours, build self-awareness and strengthen inclusive, resilient and effective leadership practice.

Training for trainers

Course Design

This interactive seminar is designed for all newly appointed judicial course directors, training leads and tutors, and also serves as a refresher for judicial trainers who have not attended the Course Design seminar in the past three years. Through a mix of tutor presentations, exercises and activities, delegates will explore how adults learn, apply a systematic approach to course design, develop effective course learning aims and outcomes, and engage with the learning cycle in a supported environment.

Digital Tools for Trainers

This interactive, activity-based course introduces delegates to a range of digital tools that support the design and delivery of judicial training. Aimed at new judicial course directors, training leads and others involved in training, it also serves as a refresher for those who have not attended in the past three years. Through tutor-led demonstrations and group work, delegates will gain confidence in using a range of digital tools to create accessible and engaging training resources.

Facilitation Skills

This interactive, activity-based course enables delegates to practise facilitation skills in a supportive environment, with a blend of tutor presentations and interactive exercises. Topics include facilitation strategies and techniques, managing challenges and understanding the learning cycle. The course is designed for new judicial course directors, training leads and tutors – whether cross-jurisdictional or jurisdiction-specific.



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