

## Law and Benefit Law

### **Benefit Regulations and Acts**

From [Department for Work and Pensions \(DWP\) website](#) (see 'the law volumes')

Tax Credit law from [Revenue and Customs site](#) (see 'Tax agents and advisers')

### **Benefit case law**

[Department for Work and Pensions \(DWP\)](#) - Recently reported benefit case law decisions (look for 'Decisions of the Commissioner' under 'advisors and intermediaries').

[Social Security Commissioners Office](#) - Reported Commissioners decisions from 1991 to date. Full decisions from 2002. Selected decisions from 2001 (click on 'decisions')

[Rightsnet](#) - Regularly adds new Commissioners decisions - full decisions and summaries - in their 'briefcase' area. Subscription required for many areas.

[Summary of Commissioners decisions](#) - on Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and incapacity benefits by Disability Alliance.

[British and Irish Legal Information Institute](#) - Court of Appeal, House of Lords and High Court judgements, including Judicial Review cases in the Administrative or "Admin" Court (all from 1996) and others.

[Casetrack](#) - Courts of Appeal from 1996, all divisions of the High Court from 1998, links to House of Lords judgments from 1996 and selected judgments from the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice. After a free trial, you have to pay to use this database, unless you belong to an academic organisation, charity or welfare organisation (check the full rules).

[House of Lords Judgements](#) - Lists all House of Lords judgements - including benefit cases - delivered since 14 November 1996 - within 2 hours of their delivery.

[The Public Law Project](#) - Describes some benefit Judicial Review cases.

[The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting](#) - Produce the Weekly Law Reports. Subscription based but they provide some recent case summaries.

### **UK Regulations and Acts**

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Full texts of Acts and Regulations from Office of Public Sector Information.  
Ombudsman

**All the relevant ones:**

**[Financial Ombudsman Service](#)**

Covers mainly banks, building societies, insurance companies, investment firms, financial advisers etc.

**[Independent Housing Ombudsman Scheme \(England\)](#)**

Covers mainly registered social landlords and some private landlords.

**[Local Government and Health Service Ombudsman \(England\)](#)**

Covers mainly local authorities and some other bodies in England.

**[Local Government Ombudsman \(Wales\)](#)**

Covers mainly local authorities and some other bodies in Wales.

**[Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman \(UK\)](#)**

Covers mainly UK Government departments and many other public bodies, including the health service.

**[Scottish Public Service Ombudsman](#)**

Covers mainly Scottish public bodies, councils, housing associations and the NHS.

**European Law**

**[The European Parliament](#)**

General information and news

**[European Court of Human Rights](#)**

European case law

**[Council of Europe](#)**

General information and news

**[Europa](#)**

"The portal to the European union and law"

**[The European Ombudsman](#)**

General and cases

**[Civil law in Europe network](#)**

Legal procedures, forum etc

**Other useful law sites**

**[Solicitors online](#)**

Law Society's directory of solicitors; search for your nearest solicitor and areas covered.

**[Community Legal Advice](#)**

Community Legal Advice lists some local advice services around the country. Click on 'find and adviser'.

**[Appeal tribunal reforms](#)**

Reforms of the appeals service and commissioners office that are going to transfer to the Department for Constitutional Affairs ( DCA) and includes the 'Leggat' report.

**[Ministry of Justice](#)**

Information on legal issues including Human Rights

### **[Epolitix](#)**

Commentary site on forthcoming legislation

### **[Court Service](#)**

This site has links to case law sources (House of Lords etc).

### **[Law Centres Federation](#)**

Lists all law centres.

### **[Compact Law](#)**

Legal information.

### **[Legal Aid](#)**

Gives help on finding legal assistance.

### **[Law Links](#)**

Comprehensive list of legal web sites

### **[Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)**

Information on the main ways to challenge a decision - other than through the courts. Such as arbitration, mediation, conciliation and the Ombudsman.

### **[Legal Services Commission](#)**

Statutory material and guidance on public funding and details about applying for the CLS Quality Mark standard.

### **[Info Law](#)**

Gateway to a large amount of legal material.

### **[The Law Commission](#)**

Includes law presently under review by the Law Commission with reports and consultations.

### **[Legal Resources in the UK](#)**

Legal resources site with information and links to lawyers directories, legal publishers, free case law and legal research services.

### **[Proposed Acts of Parliament](#)**

Allows you to check the progress of bills before parliament and the debates of the bills.

### **[Liberty Human Rights](#)**

Liberty's guide to human rights.

### **[Legal Action Group](#)**

Web site includes details of training and publications on debt, housing and benefits.

### **[Law Works](#)**

Law works is a small, national charity whose aim is to enable and encourage lawyers to provide free legal help to individuals and community groups in need.