



Ministry
of Justice

Judicial Salaries by Salary Group (effective 1 April 2026)

Salary Group	Annual Full Time Salary
1	£336,385
1.1	£300,370
2	£290,122
3	£275,885
4	£242,289
5	£194,314
5.1	£187,138
5.2	£179,939
6	£169,404
7	£144,350
8	£114,705

The table above provides an overview of judicial salaries from 1 April 2026. The table below specifies which judicial offices fall within each group in the salary scale and where different salary arrangements are in place for individual judicial offices.

Salaries for devolved posts are the responsibility of the respective devolved governments.

Judicial Salaries by Post (effective 1 April 2026)

Judge Title and Salary Group	Amount (£)
Salary Group 1	
Lady Chief Justice	336,385

Salary Group 1.1	
Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland	300,370
Lord President of the Court of Session (Scotland)	300,370
Master of the Rolls	300,370
President of the Supreme Court	300,370

Salary Group 2	
Chancellor of the High Court	290,122
President of the Business and Property Division	290,122
Deputy President of the Supreme Court	290,122
Justices of the Supreme Court	290,122
Lord Justice Clerk (Scotland)	290,122
President of the Family Division	290,122
President of the King's Bench Division	290,122
Senior President of Tribunals	290,122

Salary Group 3	
Inner House Judges of the Court of Session (Scotland), including: • President of Scottish Tribunals	275,885
Lords/Lady Justices of Appeal, including: • Senior Presiding Judge • Deputy Senior Presiding Judge • Deputy Head of Civil Justice • Vice President of the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) • Vice President King's Bench Division	275,885
Lords/Lady Justices of Appeal (Northern Ireland)	275,885

Salary Group 4	
Puisne Judge of the High Court, including: • Presiding Judge • Family Division Liaison Judge • Chancery Supervising Judge/Business & Property Courts Supervising Judge • President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal • President of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals, Immigration & Asylum, Tax & Chancery, Lands)	242,289
Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster	242,289
Puisne Judge of the High Court (Northern Ireland)	242,289
Outer House Judges of the Court of Session (Scotland)	242,289

Salary Group 5	
Chairman of the Land Court/President of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland	194,314
Chamber Presidents of First-tier Tribunals	194,314
Chief Social Security Commissioner and Child Support Commissioner (Northern Ireland)	194,314
Senior Circuit Judge, including: • Senior Circuit Judge at the Central Criminal Court in London (Old Bailey Judges) • Specialist Circuit Judges, Chancery, Circuit Commercial, Patents (IPEC) & Technology & Construction Courtⁱ • Senior Circuit Judge of the Employment Appeals Tribunal • Designated Civil Judge • Designated Family Judge • Resident Judge • Recorder of Liverpool • Recorder of Manchester	194,314
Judge Advocate General	194,314
President, Employment Tribunals (England & Wales)	194,314
President, Employment Tribunals (Scotland)	194,314
Recorder of Belfast ⁱⁱ (Northern Ireland)	194,314
Senior District Judge (Chief Magistrate)	194,314
Sheriffs Principal (Scotland)	194,314
Judges of the Business and Property Courts	194,314
Vice Presidents of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)	194,314
Deputy Chamber President, Upper Tribunal Lands	194,314

Salary Group 5.1	
Senior Masters and Registrars, including: • Chief Insolvency and Companies Court Judge • Chief Chancery Master • Senior Master – King's Bench Division • Senior Costs Judge	187,138
Upper Tribunal Judge, including: • Administrative Appeals Chamber • Immigration and Asylum Chamber • Lands Chamber • Tax and Chancery Chamber	187,138
Surveyor Member, Upper Tribunal (Lands)	187,138
Surveyor Member, Lands Tribunal (Northern Ireland)	180,810 ^{ix}
Social Security and Child Support Commissioner (Northern Ireland)	187,138
Deputy Chamber President, Health, Education & Social Care Chamber	187,138

Salary Group 5.2	
Circuit Judge, including: • Designated Civil Judgeⁱⁱⁱ • Designated Family Judgeⁱⁱⁱ • Resident Judgeⁱⁱⁱ • Circuit Judge of the Employment Appeals Tribunal	179,939
County Court Judge (Northern Ireland) ^{iv}	194,314
Deputy Chair of the Scottish Land Court	179,939

Senior Judge of the Court of Protection	179,939
Regional Judge (First-tier Tribunal), including: - Regional Tribunal Judge Social Entitlement Chamber - Resident Judge, Asylum and Immigration Chamber - Resident Judge, Health, Education and Social Care Chamber	179,939
Regional Employment Judge	179,939
Registrar of Criminal Appeals	179,939
President, Appeal Tribunals (Northern Ireland)	173,854 ^{ix}
President, Industrial Tribunals and Fair Employment Tribunal (Northern Ireland)	173,854 ^{ix}
President, Lands Tribunal Northern Ireland ^v	173,854 ^{ix}
Sheriffs (Scotland)	179,939
Vice-President, Employment Tribunal (Scotland)	179,939
President, Mental Health Review Tribunal (Wales)	179,939
Deputy Senior District Judge (Magistrates' Courts)	179,939
Masters and Cost Judges of the Senior Courts, including: - Master of the King's Bench Division - Chancery Division - Cost Judges of the Senior Courts (Taxing Masters)	179,939
Insolvency and Company Court Judges (Formerly Bankruptcy Registrar)	179,939
Principal Judge, First-tier Tribunal, Property Chamber	179,939
Legal Member, Lands Tribunal for Scotland	179,939
Masters of the Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland)	179,939
Presiding Master of the Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) ⁱⁱⁱ	179,939

Salary Group 6	
Designated Judge, First-tier Tribunal, Immigration & Asylum Chamber	169,404
Surveyor Member, Lands Tribunal for Scotland	169,404
Vice-Judge Advocate General	169,404
Vice-President, Industrial Tribunals and Fair Employment Tribunal (Northern Ireland)	163,675 ^{ix}
Regional Judge, First-tier Tribunal, Property Chamber	169,404
Presiding District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) (Northern Ireland)	169,404

Salary Group 7^{vi}	
Assistant Judge Advocate General	144,350
Employment Judge (Northern Ireland)	139,469 ^{ix}
Chief Medical Member, First-tier Tribunal, including: - Social Entitlement Chamber - Health, Education & Social Care Chamber	144,350
Presiding Coroner (Northern Ireland) ^{vii}	144,350
Coroner (Northern Ireland)	144,350
District Judge	144,350
District Judge (Northern Ireland)	144,350
District Judge (Magistrates' Courts)	144,350
District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) (Northern Ireland)	144,350
Employment Judge (England and Wales, Scotland)	144,350
Judge of the First-tier Tribunal, including: - Deputy Regional Judge - Regional Surveyor	144,350
Presiding District Judge (Northern Ireland) ⁱⁱⁱ	144,350

Full-time Salaried Legal Member of the Appeal Tribunals (Chair) (Northern Ireland)	139,469 ^{ix}
Summary Sheriff (Scotland)	144,350

Salary Group 8	
Salaried (Regional) Medical Members, Social Entitlement Chamber ^{viii}	114,705

ⁱ Chancery, Patents, Mercantile, and Technology and Construction Court Judges

ⁱⁱ The current post-holder receives a salary of 108% of Group 5

ⁱⁱⁱ Post holders are paid an allowance of 4% of salary whilst performing this role (introduced October 2020)

^{iv} Post holders are paid the salary for Group 5 so long as they are required to carry out significantly different work from their counterparts elsewhere in the UK

^v The office of President, Lands Tribunal (Northern Ireland) is situated in salary group 5.2; the post is currently held by a High Court Judge

^{vi} Group 7 post-holders in London are paid an additional £2,000 salary lead and an additional £2,000 London allowance

^{vii} The office of Presiding Coroner (Northern Ireland) is situated in salary group 7; the post is currently held by a High Court Judge.

^{viii} Salaried medical members receive the full time equivalent of the corresponding daily fee rate.

^{ix} Awaiting uplift pending decision on 2026/27 pay award