

Tribunal updates during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber)

- The Tribunal will determine as many applications, references and appeals as possible, with the judicial and administrative resources available to it.
- It is looking at options for hearing cases other than in person including Skype calls, video conferencing and written submissions.
- The Tribunal will expect a high level of co-operation between parties and their professional representatives. Parties are strongly encouraged to communicate directly with each other and to consider how their case can most effectively be presented and determined, without a face to face hearing.
- It will accept delivery of documents, via email.
- The English Upper Tribunal Lands Chamber Guidance can be viewed [here](#).

Lands Tribunal for Scotland

- Lands Tribunal for Scotland has indicated that it is looking to deal with cases by way of written submissions during the current climate, as they are currently not set up for virtual hearings.
- This should be a mechanism to deal with claims where the 6 month rule will apply, although the Tribunal has indicated that this timescale could be relaxed.
- The Scottish Courts and Tribunals guidance can be viewed [here](#).