

Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court Order 2025

The President of the Sheriff Appeal Court makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 57(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and all other powers enabling her to do so.

Interpretation

1. In this Order—

“civil business” means an appeal—

- (a) to which section 109 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 applies;
- (b) under section 110 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014; or
- (c) under any other enactment which provides that an appeal may be taken to the Sheriff Appeal Court from the decision of a sheriff in civil proceedings;

“criminal business” means—

- (a) an appeal, bill of suspension or bill of advocacy under Part X (appeals from summary proceedings) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995; or
- (b) an appeal under any other enactment which provides that an appeal relating to criminal proceedings may be taken to the Sheriff Appeal Court;

“designated place” means any place in Scotland designated by virtue of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 for the holding of sheriff courts;

Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court: criminal business

2. The Sheriff Appeal Court may sit for the disposal of criminal business from Monday to Friday each week within Parliament House, Edinburgh or the Saltmarket Building, Glasgow or any other designated place.

Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court: civil business

3. The Sheriff Appeal Court may sit for the disposal of civil business from Monday to Friday each week within Parliament House, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.

Public holidays

4. The Sheriff Appeal Court is not to sit for the disposal of any business at Edinburgh on the following public and court holidays—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
1 st January 2025	New Year's Day Holiday
2 nd January 2025	Public Holiday
14 th April 2025	Spring Holiday
18 th April 2025	Good Friday
21 st April 2025	Easter Monday
5 th May 2025	May Day Holiday
19 th May 2025	Victoria Day Holiday
15 th September 2025	Autumn Holiday
1 st December 2025	St. Andrew's Day Holiday
24 th December 2025	Christmas Eve Holiday (afternoon only)
25 th December 2025	Christmas Holiday
26 th December 2025	Boxing Day Holiday

5.The Sheriff Appeal Court is not to sit for the disposal of any business at a designated place on any day that is a public or court holiday at that place.

Court hours

6. The Sheriff Appeal Court normally sits between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., with an appropriate adjournment for lunch.

I appoint this Order to be—

- (a) recorded in the Act Book of the Sheriff Appeal Court;
- (b) published on the walls of court;
- (c) published on the website of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,

all for publication to the lieges.

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President of the Sheriff Appeal Court

Glasgow

12 November 2024