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Brief history	<p>The Judicial Council for Scotland was established in 2007 and is a body constituted for the purpose of providing information and advice to the Lord President of the Court of Session and the judiciary of Scotland on matters relevant to the administration of justice in Scotland.</p> <p>The Council is supported by the Judicial Office for Scotland. Email: judicialofficeforscotland@scotcourts.gov.uk</p>
Constitutional or legal status/basis	No specific constitutional or statutory provision. The Council was constituted to assist with the performance of the Lord President's statutory responsibilities (under Section 2 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 <i>inter alia</i> for the welfare and guidance of judicial office holders.
Legal acts regulating the Status	None. See the constitution of the Judicial Council for Scotland here .
Composition:	
Total number of members	16 members (The Lord President may appoint additional members as may be required).
Term of office	Members hold office for a period determined by the body by which they were appointed.
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	Yes
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	The Council meets twice each year and on-going work is carried out via a committee structure with members performing these duties on a part-time basis. All members are serving judges.
Make up	The current composition is 17 members, drawn from all levels of the judiciary.
Is there a majority of Judges?	All members are judges.
Presidency	The Lord President is chair of the Judicial Council for Scotland with its sub committees being chaired by other Council members.
Main Competences:	

Career of judges and / or prosecutors	Not applicable
Judicial training	The Lord President has statutory responsibility for judicial training which is implemented by the Judicial Institute for Scotland.
Discipline	Not applicable
Ethics	The Statement of Principles of Judicial Ethics for the Scottish Judiciary is kept under review by the Council and its Judicial Conduct Committee. The last revisions were implemented in May 2013.
Opinions on legislation / other opinions	The Lord President has a statutory responsibility for representing the views of the Scottish Judiciary to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Ministers and may consult and be advised in that regard by the Council.
Other competencies	<p>The objectives of the Judicial Council are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To preserve the independence of the judiciary. - To protect and promote the due administration of justice. - To coordinate the views and actions of the judges to those ends. - To promote the professional and pastoral interests of the judiciary. - To provide guidance to the judiciary on questions of ethics and other matters of relevance to the due administration of justice. - To facilitate communication between the various branches of the judiciary and, where appropriate, collect and collate their views. - To provide information and advice to the Lord President so that he may be aware of the views of the judiciary. - To deal with all matters of concern to the judiciary.
Status of decisions	Advisory
Review	Not applicable
Budget	Support to the Judicial Council for Scotland and its Committees is provided for under the budget held by the Judicial Office for Scotland