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National specialised courts

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This section provides you with information on the organisation of specialised courts in the Netherlands.

Administrative courts

The administrative courts in the Netherlands are:

- District court (*Rechtbank*): court for appeal proceedings in ordinary administrative cases.
- Court of Appeal (*Gerechtshof*): higher appeal court for tax cases.
- Supreme Court (*Hoge Raad*): court of cassation and highest court for tax cases.
- Central Appeals Tribunal (*Centrale Raad van Beroep*): final higher appeal court for social security, social welfare and civil service cases. Also, appeal court of first and sole instance in disputes over the enforcement of laws regarding victims of war and persecution and for appeals by judicial officials.
- Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal (*College van Beroep voor het bedrijfsleven*): appeal court of first and sole instance for disputes involving economic administrative law.
- Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Council of State (*Afdeling Bestuursrechtspraak van de Raad van State*): final higher appeal court for all administrative cases not decided by other appeal courts. Also, appeal court of first and sole instance for disputes involving, among other things, the environment or spatial planning.

Legal databases

Further information can be found on the website dedicated to the [judicial system in the Netherlands](#).

Related links

[Information on the specialised courts](#) (in English)

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