


## Ordinary courts - Netherlands

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

### Ordinary courts

The following are the names of the courts in the Netherlands:

- **District court** (Rechtbank): first instance for all civil and criminal cases
- **Court of Appeal** (Gerechtshof): appeal for all civil and criminal cases
- **Supreme Court** (Hoge Raad): supreme court for all civil and criminal cases

### Legal databases

Information can be found on the website dedicated to [the judiciary system in the Netherlands](#).

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Yes, access is **free of charge**.

### Related Links

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