

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



The Sovereign Nation of Shetland

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Dear The Sovereign Nation of Shetland,


Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request for information, received by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) on 04 February 2025, in the following terms:

‘Please provide specific information showing proof that Shetland is part of Scotland.’

The function of the SCTS is to provide administrative support to the Scottish courts and tribunals and to the judiciary of courts, including the High Court of Justiciary, Court of Session, sheriff courts and justice of the peace courts, and to the Office of the Public Guardian and Accountant of Court.

SCTS **does not hold the information** you have requested.

That said, as part of our duty to assist, I can advise Shetland falls within the  Sheriffdom of Grampian, Highland and Islands. Kirkwall Sheriff Court is a Scottish Court. Please refer to [The Sheriff Court Districts \(Alteration of Boundaries\) Order 1996](#) legislation which came into force on 1 April 1996.

A Sheriffdom and court location map is published on our website –
<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/courts-and-tribunals/sheriff-and-justice-of-the-peace-courts/sheriff-courts/>

I hope the information provided is of some assistance. However should you feel dissatisfied with this response or the manner in which your request has been handled, FOISA provides for a review process to be conducted. Should you wish to take advantage of this process you may apply in writing for a review. Your request should provide details of why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter to:-

The Freedom of Information Officer
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Following that review should you still feel dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge an appeal with the Scottish Information Commissioner either online:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

or at the following address:-

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
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Yours sincerely

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