

UNISON tribunal fees timeline

- 29 July 2013: Fees are introduced and UNISON seeks permission in the High Court to bring judicial review proceedings.
- October/November 2013: UNISON's first claim is heard in the High Court.
- December 2013: Ministry of Justice statistics for July to September 2013 show a 56 per cent drop in claims compared to the same period the previous year <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>
- February 2014: UNISON's challenge is unsuccessful. The High Court states that the claim brought was premature and new proceedings should be lodged, if and when further evidence is available.
- March 2014: Official figures for October 2013 to December 2013 show a 79 per cent drop in claims <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>
- May 2014: UNISON is granted permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal.
- June 2014: The figures for January to March 2014 show a 81 per cent drop in claims <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>
- September 2014: There's an 81 per cent drop in claims for April to June 2014 <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>
- September 2014: UNISON's Court of Appeal claim is stayed to allow a second High Court challenge.
- October 2014: UNISON brings its second judicial review challenge.
- December 2014: UNISON's second challenge is unsuccessful.
- April 2015: The Court of Appeal hears UNISON's appeals in relation to both High Court claims.
- 26 August 2015: UNISON is unsuccessful at the Court of Appeal and an application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court is made.
- 26 February 2016: The Supreme Court gives UNISON permission to continue its legal challenge.
- 31 January 2017: The government publishes a review of fees, and proposes a further consultation, including assistance for those on very low incomes.
- 27 & 28 March 2017: UK Supreme Court to hear UNISON'S appeal.
- 26 July 2017: The Supreme Court hands down its judgement on UNISON's appeal.