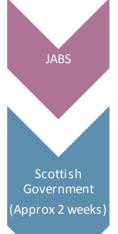


Process after recommendations are made to the First Minister

A summary of the process is set out below:



Recommendation report to Scottish Government

- Statutory consultation with Lord President
- Contact with successful applicant (provides update, discussion regarding personal details for appointment documentation and future contact)
- Formal recommendation and appointment documentation to First Minister
- First Minister decision
- Contact with successful applicant with update, draft biography for announcement in due course, initial discussion regarding start date if not already set
- Qualifications, career history and experience sections from applications form sent to the Judicial Institute

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- Receives Royal Warrant
- Her Majesty sign the Royal Warrant making the appointment
- Returns Royal Warrant to Scottish Government
- Receives signed Royal Warrant
- Advises successful applicant of appointment and advance notice of announcement
- Makes public announcement of appointment
- Letter of appointment and Royal Warrant issued once start date agreed