

Ordinary Member (Surveyor Experience) of the Upper Tribunal for Scotland 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions

Please see below for questions received by JABS from potential applicants for the role of Ordinary Member (Surveyor Experience) of the Upper Tribunal for Scotland recruitment round. All questions have been anonymised for publication. To ask a question please email mailbox@jabs.gov.scot.

Question	Response
I am aware from my professional experience that there has been little requirement for sittings of either the LTS or the UTS in recent years and note the statement in the application guidance notes indicating that there can be no guarantee of the allocation of a minimum number of sitting days in any year. That stated, can you provide any indication of the anticipated average annual workload in relation to these posts?	As outlined in the application guidance, it is not possible to guarantee a minimum number of sitting days each year, as workload is dependent on the volume and nature of cases received and subsequently appealed. It is also difficult to provide an anticipated average annual workload, as this is influenced by the number of cases progressing through the First-tier Tribunal and subsequently appealed to the Upper Tribunal, Following the establishment of the Local Taxation Chamber in 2023 and the transfer of cases to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland, a significant number of cases were sisted pending the outcome of a lead case. Now that the post-transfer arrangements have settled, there has been an increase in the number of appeals being received by the Upper Tribunal. There are currently a number of cases requiring the involvement of a surveyor member, and it is anticipated that this trend will continue. While this information may be helpful in providing context, applicants should be aware that future sitting requirements remain subject to the volume and progression of cases through the tribunal system.
What requirements, if any, do you have for references?	The Board does not collect references as part of the appointment process. However, to assist in assessing an applicant's suitability for judicial office, the Board seeks consultations from relevant consultees, such as RICS. Further information on the consultation process can be found in Section 11 of the Guidance Note.