



# Courts Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 39

### PART 1

#### MAINTAINING THE COURT SYSTEM

##### *The general duty*

### **1 The general duty**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor is under a duty to ensure that there is an efficient and effective system to support the carrying on of the business of—
  - (a) the Supreme Court,
  - (b) county courts, and
  - (c) magistrates' courts,and that appropriate services are provided for those courts.
- (2) In this Part—
  - (a) “the Supreme Court” includes the district probate registries, and
  - (b) “magistrates' court” includes a committee of justices.
- (3) In this Part references to the Lord Chancellor’s general duty in relation to the courts are to his duty under this section.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor must, within 18 months of the coming into force of this section, and afterwards annually, prepare and lay before both Houses of Parliament a report as to the way in which he has discharged his general duty in relation to the courts.

**Status:**

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**Changes to legislation:**

Courts Act 2003, Cross Heading: The general duty is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.