

HB Alerts

Circular Reference:		A9 2010	
Subject:	Citing Upper Tribunal Decisions in Appeal Responses	Effective Date:	01/01/2010
<p>Summary</p> <p>From the 1st January 2010 the system used for numbering decisions made by the Upper Tribunal has changed.</p> <p>There are two versions of the new format and the version used will be depend on whether or not the decision is classed as reported or unreported.</p> <p>The new format is called “neutral citation” and is the format currently used by the higher courts so by changing to this format the upper tribunal decisions will be recorded in the same format used by other courts of equal standing.</p> <p>Reported Decisions are made when the broad consent of the Administrative Appeals Chamber (AAC) has been received. Unreported decisions are when the broad consent of the AAC has not been received. Reported Decisions carry more weight than unreported decisions.</p> <p>Reported Decisions will have the suffix AACR (Administrative Appeals Chamber Reports). Unreported decisions will not have the AACR suffix.</p> <p>An example of the new numbering system is as follows:</p> <p>“<i>KS v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (JSA)</i> [2009] UKUT 122 (AAC); [2010] AACR 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>KS v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (JSA)</i> – refers to the parties in dispute and the benefit involved and should be in italics.• 2009 – year the decision was made• UKUT – United Kingdom Upper Tribunal• 122 – neutral citation number (consecutive order on a case by case basis).• AAC - Administrative Appeals Chamber• [2010] – year decision was reported• AACR - Administrative Appeals Chamber Reports.(Reporting Body)• 3 - consecutive report number on a case by case basis <p>The names of the parties can be abbreviated for example KS v SSWP but the full reference should be used in the first instance in any appeal response to the decision. Reported decisions pre 1st January 2010 will still hold the “R” prefix format e.g. R(H) 1/08.</p>			

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