

Human Rights Overview Bitesize Further Reading

Please see the links below for further reading. All links are in chronological order in relation to when they are mentioned in the Bitesize training. The acronym sheet can be found in Annexe A.

UN definitions of Human Rights Law: <https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/human-rights#:~:text=Human%20rights%20are%20rights%20inherent,and%20education%2C%20and%20many%20more.>

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights:
<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/2021/03/udhr.pdf>

CAT: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-against-torture-and-other-cruel-inhuman-or-degrading>

ECHR: https://www.echr.coe.int/documents/d/echr/convention_eng

ICCPR (Article 10 may be of particular interest):
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights>

OPCAT: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/optional-protocol-convention-against-torture-and-other-cruel>

The UN treaty database: <https://treaties.un.org>

ECHR Case Law: <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int>

OHCHR Jurisprudence database: <https://juris.ohchr.org>

The Human Rights Act 1998: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>

Quick note on Reservations and objections (reservations must not go against the object and purpose of any convention). Often reservations are made where the convention is not compatible with domestic law. The UK has one reservation for CAT: "The United Kingdom reserves the right to formulate, upon ratifying the Convention, any reservations or interpretative declarations which it might consider necessary."

Submitting individual complaints and complaint mechanisms:
https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/Res/appendix_i_complaint_mechanisms.pdf

Police Reform Act 2002: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/30/contents>

Code of Practice of Custody Visiting: https://icva.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Independent_custody_visitors_code_of_practice-1.pdf

PACE Codes: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/police-and-criminal-evidence-act-1984-pace-codes-of-practice>

Annexe A

Relevant acronyms

CAT: Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

OPCAT: Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

ECHR: European Convention on Human Rights

ECtHR: European Court of Human Rights

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Right

ICCPR: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

UN: United Nations

OHCHR: UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Further Acronyms you may come across

ICERD: International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

ICESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CEDAW: UN Committee (or Convention) on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
CERD: UN Committee (or Convention) on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

CESCR: UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CRC: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

HRC: Human Rights Council, an intergovernmental UN body that addresses human rights globally

ICJ: International Court of Justice, known as the “World Court,” which resolves disputes between States

UPR: Universal Periodic Review, a process by which all UN Member States’ human rights records are reviewed by their peers, with input from civil society, every four years

IHRL: International *Human Rights* Law

IHL: International *Humanitarian* Law