

Judicial Review

Law

Courts reviewing the lawfulness of public decisions.

Grounds and limits.

Grounds

Illegality — acting outside legal power

Procedural impropriety — unfair process

Irrationality — no reasonable authority could decide so

Breach of legitimate expectation

Incompatibility with protected rights

Limits

Not an appeal on the merits

Standing requirements apply

Time limits are short

Remedies are discretionary

Educational reference. The court asks whether the decision was lawfully made, not whether it would have decided the same way.