

Kinds of Property

Law

The categories the law recognises, and why they are treated differently.

Category and characteristics.

Category	Covers	Feature
Real property	Land and things fixed to it	Registration systems, unique
Personal property	Goods and moveables	Possession is central
Choses in action	Debts, shares, claims	Enforced by action, not seized
Intellectual property	Creations of the mind	Time-limited monopolies

Educational reference. Whether an item is a fixture or a chattel decides if it passes with the land — a frequent dispute.