

The Criminal cases that come before the court of appeal will be heard by three out of five judges including the Lord Chief Justice. The CCA has three options: it will allow or reject an appeal or dismiss it, or remit the case to a new trial if it considers the conviction unsafe.

When the CCA questions a conviction on a point of law and the verdict of the jury shows that it is satisfied that some other offence has been committed, the CCA may substitute a conviction for another offence.

If someone is unhappy with the outcome of his application to CCA he may make another appeal to the House of Lords or court of Appeal Court Division and the case would be made of general importance.

Further Assess to Justice Act 1999 appears by way of case stated have been introduced from crown court to high court. Originally this was only available in magistrates court. 'Case stated' refers to a method of appealing after a criminal case has been tried, the prosecutor or defendant can appeal on a point of law to the queen's bench division of the high court. The crown court will be asked to state the facts of the case.

If someone does not apply within the limit of 28 days or original appeal is unsuccessful he could rely on the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The Criminal Appeals Act 1995 set up the CCRC and replaced the SJA procedure under the Criminal Appeals Act 1968. This is an independent body and is responsible for reviewing miscarriages of justice. The CCRC does not decide appeals, but brings a possible miscarriage of justice to the attention of the CCA.