

**Table 3: Devolved legislative competence**

	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>	<i>Wales</i>
<i>Health and social services</i>	X	X	X
<i>Education, training and skills</i>	X	X	X
<i>Housing</i>	X	X	X
<i>Economic development</i>	X	X	X
<i>Agriculture, Forestry and fisheries</i>	X	X	X
<i>Environment and planning</i>	X	X	X
<i>Transport</i>	X	X	X
<i>Tourism sport, culture and heritage</i>	X	X	X
<i>Fire and rescue</i>	X	X	X
<i>Water and flood defence</i>	X	X	X
<i>Justice and policing</i>	X	X	
<i>Charity law</i>	X	X	
<i>Stamp duty</i>	X		X
<i>Some social security elements</i>	X		X
<i>Devolved legislature and local government elections</i>	X		X
<i>Some income tax</i>	X		X
<i>Landfill tax</i>	X		X
<i>Equal opportunities in relation to public bodies</i>	X		X
<i>Road signs and speed limits</i>	X	X	X
<i>Licensing of onshore oil and gas extraction</i>	X	X	X
<i>Equal opportunities</i>		X	
<i>Drink drive limit</i>	X	X	
<i>Crown Estate assets</i>	X		
<i>Air passenger tax</i>	X	X (long haul only)	
<i>Air weapons</i>	X		
<i>Abortion</i>	X	X	
<i>Consumer advocacy and advice</i>	X		
<i>Policing railways</i>	X	X	
<i>Energy</i>		X	
<i>Employment law</i>		X	
<i>Social security, child support, pensions</i>		X	
<i>NI civil service</i>		X	
<i>Time</i>		X	
<i>Welsh language</i>			X

In the table above, X indicates that the policy area is devolved

An alternative way to examine this is by looking at reserved powers. These are summarised in table 4.

**Table 4: Reserved (and excepted) powers<sup>9</sup>**

	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Northern Ireland<sup>10</sup></i>	<i>Wales</i>
<i>Constitution</i>	X	X	X
<i>Foreign affairs</i>	X	X	X
<i>Defence, national security</i>	X	X	X
<i>Nationality, immigration and asylum</i>	X	X	X
<i>Macro-economic and fiscal policy</i>	X	X	X
<i>Financial services and pensions regulation</i>	X	X	X
<i>International trade and financial markets</i>	X	X	X
<i>International development</i>	X	X	X
<i>Elections to UK parliament</i>	X	X	X
<i>National minimum wage</i>	X	X	X
<i>Competition</i>	X	X	X
<i>Intellectual property</i>	X	X	X
<i>Honours</i>	X	X	X
<i>Air services and international shipping</i>	X	X	X
<i>Broadcasting</i>	X	X	X
<i>Telecoms and wireless</i>	X	X	X
<i>Foreshore and seabed</i>	X	X	X
<i>Nuclear energy</i>		X*	
<i>Firearms and explosives</i>		X	
<i>Employment law</i>	X		X
<i>Cross border rail</i>	X		X
<i>Energy</i>	X		X
<i>Some social security</i>	X		X
<i>Equal opportunities not otherwise devolved</i>	X		X
<i>Genetics, surrogacy, medicines and embryology</i>	X	X**	X
<i>Abortion</i>			X
<i>Civil service</i>	X		X
<i>Postal service</i>	X	X	X
<i>Justice and policing</i>			X
<i>Charity law</i>			X

In the table above, X indicates that the policy area is reserved. \* but other forms devolved \*\* genetics, surrogacy and embryology reserved but some aspects of medicines are devolved

<sup>9</sup> Excepted powers apply to Northern Ireland alone.

<sup>10</sup> Note that while various aspect of international relations are excepted, NI has scope to make international agreements with Ireland within the confines of the North-South Ministerial Council framework.