

## Competition Appeal Tribunal Case No.: 1382/7/7/21

### Consumers' Association v Qualcomm

**Consumers who bought certain Apple or Samsung smartphones between 1 October 2015 and 9 January 2024 may be covered by a collective settlement. This settlement does not involve the payment of any compensation to affected consumers.**

#### **THIS NOTICE**

This is a legal notice concerning a collective settlement, the details of which are summarised below. This notice is published at the direction of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal (the "**Tribunal**") which granted a Collective Proceedings Order on 4 July 2022 ("**CPO**") in favour of Consumers' Association (referred to as "**Which?**" or the "**Class Representative**") to bring proceedings against Qualcomm Incorporated (the "**Defendant**") arising from an alleged abuse of a dominant position relating to the Defendant's sale of smartphone chipsets, and the licensing of intellectual property related to its technology (the "**Claim**"). Trial took place from October to November 2025.

This notice may be relevant to you if you are someone who falls within the class defined in the CPO (the CPO includes definitions relating to "**Class**" and the "**Class Definition**", with members of the Class referred to as "**Class Members**"):

*All Consumers who purchased one or more Affected Products in the United Kingdom during the period between 1 October 2015 and 9 January 2024.*

For the purposes of the Class Definition set out above:

"**Consumers**" means natural persons who purchased Affected Products other than wholly for business use. Where a consumer has died since the date of purchase, the representative of his or her estate is considered to be a Consumer for the purposes of this definition. For the avoidance of doubt, any consumer who died on or before 18 February 2021 and whose purchases of Affected Products all pre-date 24 December 2015 is not part of the Class nor is his or her personal representative on their behalf.

"**Affected Products**" are LTE-enabled smartphone models included on the list at **Appendix A of this notice**, or any subsequent LTE-enabled smartphone models (excluding 5G/5G NR-enabled models) manufactured by, for, or on behalf of Apple Inc. or Samsung Electronics Co. Limited or any member of their respective corporate groups.

A copy of the CPO can be viewed online at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk).

This notice relates to a collective settlement (the "**Settlement**") agreed between the Class Representative and the Defendant (together, the "**Parties**"). The Parties were required under Rule 94 of the Tribunal Rules 2015 (which can be viewed online at [www.catribunal.org.uk/rules-and-guidance](http://www.catribunal.org.uk/rules-and-guidance)), to seek the Tribunal's approval of the Settlement. Further to the Parties' application dated 13 February 2026, the Tribunal ruled on 10 June 2026 that the terms of the Settlement are "just and reasonable" (the "**Tribunal's Ruling**"). A copy of the Tribunal's

judgment can be viewed online at: [1382/7/7/21 Consumers' Association v Qualcomm Incorporated - Judgment \(CSAO\) | 10th June 2026](#).

**This notice is for your information so that you can consider whether you wish to opt-out of the Settlement.**

Full copies of the Tribunal's Ruling and of the application made to the Tribunal regarding the Settlement can be viewed online at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk), along with other information about the Claim.

## **THE SETTLEMENT**

**Importantly, the Settlement does not involve the payment of any compensation to Class Members.**

The Settlement requires these proceedings to be discontinued, with each party bearing its own costs, and for a statement from the Class Representative to the effect that, having reviewed all the evidence and the arguments advanced at trial, the Class Representative considers that the Tribunal will accept the Defendant's Defence to the Claim. The full statement is appended at **Appendix B** and is also available to view online at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk).

## **RIGHT TO OPT-OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT**

If you fall within the Class Definition set out above, were a UK resident on 17 May 2022, and want to "opt-out" of the Settlement – i.e. be removed from the Class, send an email to: [forms@smartphoneclaim.co.uk](mailto:forms@smartphoneclaim.co.uk). Include the following statement in your email "I want to opt-out of the collective claim against Qualcomm, Case No. 1382/7/7/21", along with your full name, postal address, email address and telephone number.

You do not have to give a reason for opting-out. To be processed, your opt-out email must be received by **29 July 2026**. Once your opt-out is received and processed, you will be sent an acknowledgement by email. If you wish to opt-out after this date, you will have to write directly to the Tribunal to seek approval.

**If you have not 'opted out', your claim against the Defendant in these proceedings will be finally resolved by this Settlement, and you will not be able to bring another claim against the Defendant in relation to the conduct alleged in these proceedings.**

Should any Class Member have questions about the above, it can contact the Class Representative by completing the form at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk/contact](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk/contact).

## APPENDIX A - LIST OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS

Samsung handsets			
Galaxy A10	Galaxy J3 (2016)	Galaxy S6	Galaxy M31s
Galaxy A2 Core	Galaxy J3 (2017)	Galaxy S6 Edge	Galaxy Note 10 Lite
Galaxy A20e	Galaxy J4	Galaxy S6 Edge+	Galaxy S20+
Galaxy A3 (2015)	Galaxy J4+	Galaxy S7	Galaxy A21
Galaxy A3 (2016)	Galaxy J5 (2015)	Galaxy S7 Edge	Galaxy M11
Galaxy A3 (2017)	Galaxy J5 (2016)	Galaxy S8	Galaxy A02
Galaxy A30s	Galaxy J5 (2017)	Galaxy S8+	Galaxy Note 20
Galaxy A40	Galaxy J6	Galaxy S9	Galaxy A41
Galaxy A5 (2015)	Galaxy J6+	Galaxy S9+	Galaxy S10 Lite
Galaxy A5 (2016)	Galaxy J7 (2016)	Galaxy X Cover 3	Galaxy Note20 Ultra
Galaxy A5 (2017)	Galaxy J7 (2017)	Galaxy X Cover 4	Galaxy M21s
Galaxy A50	Galaxy J8	Galaxy X Cover 4S	Galaxy A01 Core
Galaxy A6	Galaxy M10	Galaxy A12	Galaxy M01
Galaxy A6+	Galaxy M20	Galaxy A21s	Galaxy M31 Prime
Galaxy A60	Galaxy Note 10	Galaxy M51	Galaxy S20 Ultra
Galaxy A7 (2018)	Galaxy Note 10+	Galaxy A31	Galaxy M01s
Galaxy A70	Galaxy Note 4	Galaxy M12	Galaxy M01 Core
Galaxy A8 (2018)	Galaxy Note 8	Galaxy M31	Galaxy X Cover Pro
Galaxy A8+ (2018)	Galaxy Note 9	Galaxy A02s	Galaxy Z Flip
Galaxy A80	Galaxy S10	Galaxy S20 FE	Galaxy J2 Core (2020)
Galaxy A8s	Galaxy S10+	Galaxy S20	Galaxy A01
Galaxy A9 (2018)	Galaxy S10e	Galaxy A11	Galaxy A71
Galaxy Core Prime	Galaxy S4 Mini	Galaxy M21	Galaxy A51
Galaxy Grand Prime VE	Galaxy S5 Mini	Galaxy M02	Galaxy M30s
Galaxy J2 Pro (2018)	Galaxy S5 Neo	Galaxy M02s	Galaxy A20s
			Galaxy X Cover FieldPro
Galaxy A03	Galaxy A22	Galaxy A32	Galaxy XCover 5
Galaxy A03s	Galaxy A52	Galaxy M22	Galaxy A13 (2022)
Galaxy A72	Galaxy M32		
Galaxy A04s	Galaxy A12 Nacho	Galaxy F41	Galaxy A9 2016
Galaxy A23	Galaxy A13	Galaxy F62	Galaxy Ace 4 4G

Galaxy M13	Galaxy A20	Galaxy Fold	Galaxy Alpha
Galaxy A14	Galaxy A24 4G	Galaxy M04	Galaxy J1 4G
Galaxy A05s	Galaxy A30	Galaxy M10s	Galaxy J1 (2016)
Galaxy A04	Galaxy A70s	Galaxy M21 2021	Galaxy K Zoom 4G
Galaxy A04e	Galaxy F04	Galaxy M30	Galaxy Note 7
Galaxy A03 Core	Galaxy F12	Galaxy M40	Galaxy Note Edge
Galaxy A10e	Galaxy F13	Galaxy M62	Galaxy S4
Galaxy A10s	Galaxy F22	Galaxy A7 (2016)	Galaxy S5
Apple handsets			
iPhone 5s	iPhone 7	iPhone X	iPhone 11
iPhone 6	iPhone 7 Plus	iPhone XR	iPhone 11 Pro
iPhone 6 Plus	iPhone 8	iPhone XS	iPhone 11 Pro Max
iPhone 6s	iPhone 8 Plus	iPhone XS Max	
iPhone 6s Plus	iPhone SE	iPhone SE 2	

Where a handset model is available in both 4G/LTE and 5G versions (e.g. the Samsung A22, as distinct from the Samsung A22 5G), only the 4G/LTE version is an Affected Product. For the avoidance of doubt, and consistent with the definition of Affected Products, no 5G-enabled handset models have been included.

## **APPENDIX B – STATEMENT FROM THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE**

The Tribunal has approved the parties' agreement pursuant to which the Class Representative applied to the Tribunal for permission to withdraw the proceedings in their entirety. Qualcomm will not make any payment to the Class Representative or the Class as a result of this agreement. The approval of the Class Representative's application by the Tribunal has concluded the claim against Qualcomm. This agreement was reached between the parties because the Class Representative has concluded, based on the evidence, and the arguments at trial, that the Tribunal will find that:

(a) Qualcomm did not coerce Apple, Apple's Contract Manufacturers (CMs), or Samsung to sign any patent licenses or chipset agreements;

(b) Qualcomm did not leverage its position as a chipset supplier to coerce Apple, Apple's CMs, or Samsung to agree to any licensing terms; and

(c) Qualcomm's licensing and chipset practices did not infringe competition laws, did not result in inflated royalties, and did not lead to an increase in prices consumers paid for their mobile phones.