Halsbury’s Statutes User Guide

Halsbury’s Statutes is an encyclopaedic work containing the consolidated and annotated text of the statutes of England and Wales currently in force, arranged by subject. Halsbury’s Statutes is updated by: the periodic reissue of volumes; the publication of new Acts in looseleaf Service Issues; and by updating information contained in the Cumulative Supplement and in the Noter-up.

It is always essential to check for change.

To find Acts in Halsbury’s Statutes

1. When the name of the Act is known
   • look in the Alphabetical or Chronological List of Statutes at the front of the Consolidated Index (published annually)
   • for Acts published after the date of publication of the Consolidated Index, look in the Contents section at the front of Service Binder A (lists all Acts in the Service)
   • if the Act does not appear in either of the above, use Halsbury’s Statutes Citator to find out its current status

2. When the name of the Act is not known, but the general area of law is known
   • look at the index in the Consolidated Index (covers volumes and Service)
   • OR consider the title scheme for the work (printed inside the cover of each volume) and use the contents list and preliminary note for the relevant title

To check for change

1. Look in the Cumulative Supplement
   • published annually
   • updates existing legislation contained in the volumes and Current Statutes Service binders
   • arranged alphabetically by Act name with developments noted to the relevant provision
   • check the global changes pages

2. Then look in the Noter-up Service Binder
   • lists changes since the publication of the Cumulative Supplement
   • check the global changes on p 3

Is it in Force?

For commencement dates see Is it in Force?
• a detailed guide to the commencement of all public general Acts passed since 1960
• includes statutes not yet in force
• updated in the Noter-up Binder

Editorial staff may be contacted for help in tracing Acts or information on the latest changes. Enquiries to the Halsbury’s Statutes Enquiry Bureau:
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For further guidance see “HOW TO USE HALSBURY’S STATUTES” in Service Binder A
For useful information see:
www.lexisnexis.co.uk/HalsburysLaw/halsburys_statutes_about.html
1. When the name of the Act required is known

**Title of Act**

**Route A**
Alphabetical or Chronological List of Statutes in the annual Consolidated Index

**Route B**
Service Binder A Contents (for Acts passed since latest Consolidated Index)

**Volume**

To check for change

Cumulative Supplement (including Global Changes page)

Noter-up (including Global Changes page)

2. When the name of the Act required is NOT known

**Subject Area**

**Route A**
Title Scheme

Volume Index

Volume

**Route B**
Consolidated Index

Current Statutes Service Binder

To check for change

Cumulative Supplement (including Global Changes page)

Noter-up (including Global Changes page)

For quick guides, see the following publications:
- Commencement information: Is it in Force?
- Status of Acts: Halsbury’s Statutes Citator
- Cases: Halsbury’s Statutes Consolidated Table of Cases
- Consolidation of legislation: Halsbury’s Statutes Destination Tables
- SIs: Halsbury’s Statutes Consolidated Table of Statutory Instruments

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