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Legislation Guide
Finding Legislation

TOP TIP!
If you know the act and section you want to locate, the fastest way to locate the provision is by using the legislation field on the homepage.

Here you can enter the act name – E.g. “Companies Act 2006” to see the whole act.

OR add the section number to the end of your search terms to find one specific section – E.g. “Companies Act 2006 S 171”

The drop down of suggestions will also help you locate the correct act, if you’re not sure of the full title!

THE LEGISLATION SEARCH TAB
You can run a search across all of your subscribed Legislation sources by entering details into one or more of the search fields. Please note that you do not have to complete all of the search fields to find results. However, the more accurate the information you have the more specific the result will be.

Select the Legislation tab on the navigation bar which is located under the Search tab.

To find current legislation choose Current Legislation at the top of the search page.

Enter the legislation title in the Title field. A suggested search will appear in a drop-down box and shows terms which closely match those you have entered. If you do not see your Act/ SI in the suggested searches simply continue to type over the suggestion.

If you are looking for a specific section of an Act, you can enter the section number in the Provision field.

If you want to search for specific words or terms that appear within the legislation you can use the Search Terms box.

You can make use of the Search Tips link at the bottom of the Search Terms box to optimise your search by using connectors to link your search terms together.

Confirm if you are looking for an Act or an SI by selecting the appropriate tick box next to the corresponding name.
Historical Versions

Searching for Historical Versions of Legislation. Lexis Library has a fully exhaustive database of legislation from 1988 to Current, as well as a high number of statutes much before that time.

From the Legislation Search Page, choose Historical Versions to search for previous versions of legislation.

Enter the relevant information into the fields displayed: Title; Provision; Part or schedule; Search terms.

Enter a date in the Point in Time field to search for legislation in force on that date.

Click Search to run the search.

The source Information icon will display a list of all statutes for which Historical Versions are available.
Historical Versions

Historical Versions Document View.

Once you have located your statute your document will be displayed as below.

The Historical Versions tab on the left of your document will list all available versions of the document; you may move between versions by clicking on the version required.
On the right-hand side of your document, you may toggle between Current and Historical versions by clicking the relevant option in the Document Versions field.

Document in view and Point in time searched details will appear on the right-hand side of the document.

You may search for an alternative version by entering a new date in the Find Versions for point in time field and clicking Find.

You may browse all available versions by clicking on the Browse all versions link.
Working with Legislation

Legislation on LexisLibrary provides a range of incorporated tools allowing you to conduct deeper research with just one click.

Status Signal
A legislation status signal appears on overview and provision level documents and indicates its current status:
- In force
- Not yet in force or partly in force
- No longer in force

Halsbury’s Annotations can be viewed via the yellow speech bubble icon to the right of the text of an Act. Click on the icon to open and click again to close the window.

You may also use the Annotations link in the Find Out More box.

Halsbury’s Annotations provides precise information relating to parliamentary debates, judicial interpretation, links to subordinate legislation and references to words and phrases judicially considered.

TOP TIP! Click on the links shown under Find out more to access related cases, journals or commentary. This is the quickest and easiest way to find related content to your legislation, without having to carry out a detailed search.

Status Snapshot will display commencement and amendment information relating to each section of an Act, as well as showing destination and derivation tables.