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The Legal Research foundation certification tests your ability to research legal material and your familiarity with the Legal Research module on Lexis+ UK. This guide will help you develop a basic understanding of how to navigate the platform so you can get certified in four simple steps.

How to get certified

1

Getting started

Read our certification guides or attend a certification session to learn the basics

2

Be prepared

Register for the test online and make sure that you're logged into Lexis+

3

Take the test

You need to get 13 out of 15 questions correct to pass (but you can take the quiz as many times as you need)

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Get your certificate

Congratulations! Download your certificate to demonstrate your Legal Research skills

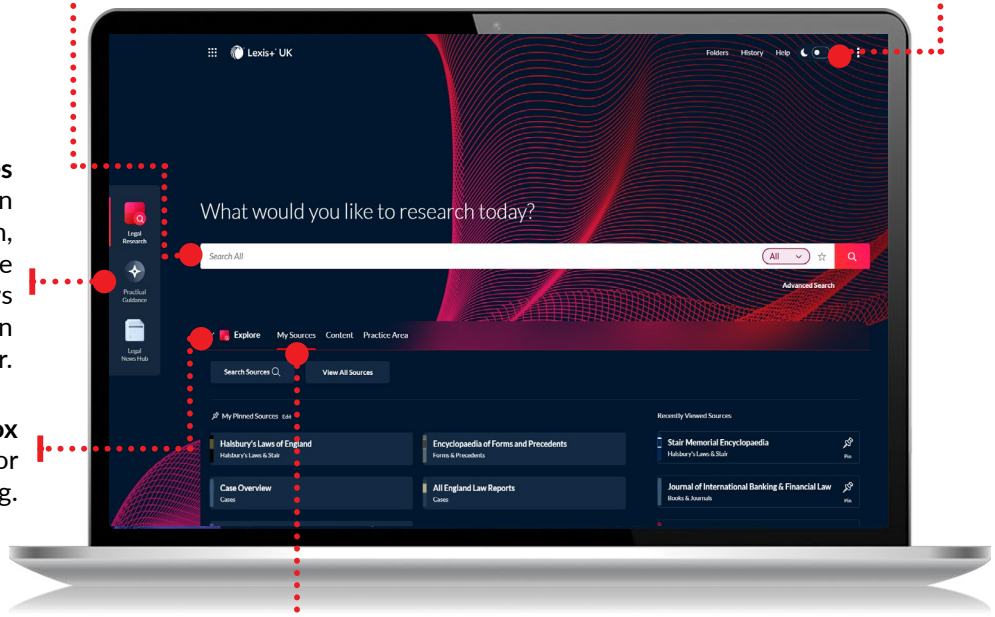
Legal Research on Lexis+

Search bar
Easily find, cases, legislation, journals and more.

Screen working mode
Choose whether you work in dark or light mode.

Modules
Toggle between Legal Research, Practical Guidance and the Legal News Hub depending on what you're looking for.

Explore box
Filter by content type or topic before searching.



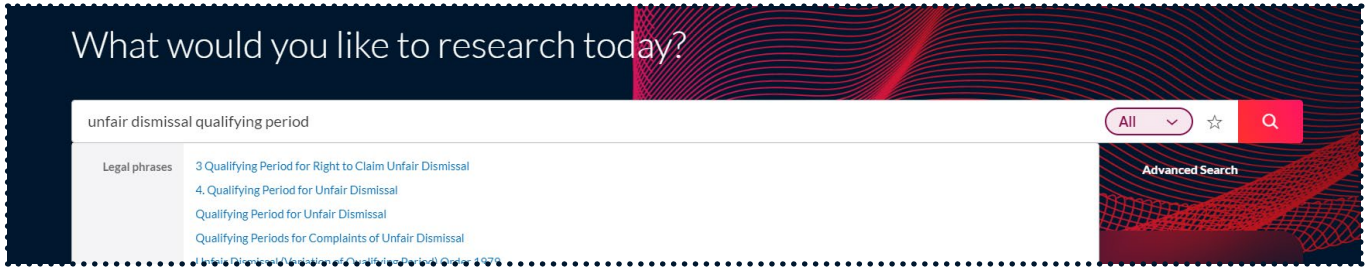
My Sources
View some of the key publications on offer from Legal Research, including Halsbury's Laws of England and the Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia.

Navigating Lexis+

There are various ways to search across the platform. You can search using keywords as your search terms. Here's an example of how to do this and navigate the results.

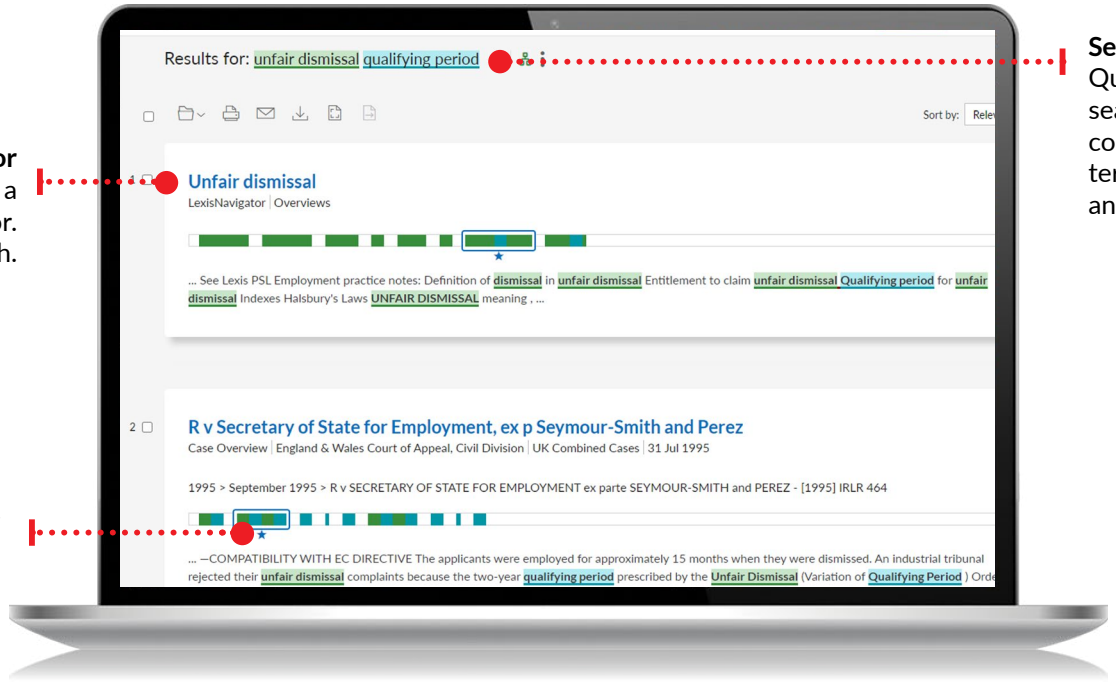
Use keywords

Type keywords into the search bar. You will see some suggestions come up as you type.



LexisNavigator
You can search for legal terms to find a definition powered by LexisNavigator. It's a useful starting point for research.

Search Term Maps
The star represents the most relevant section of the document, based on your search terms. Click between the coloured bars to preview other sections too.



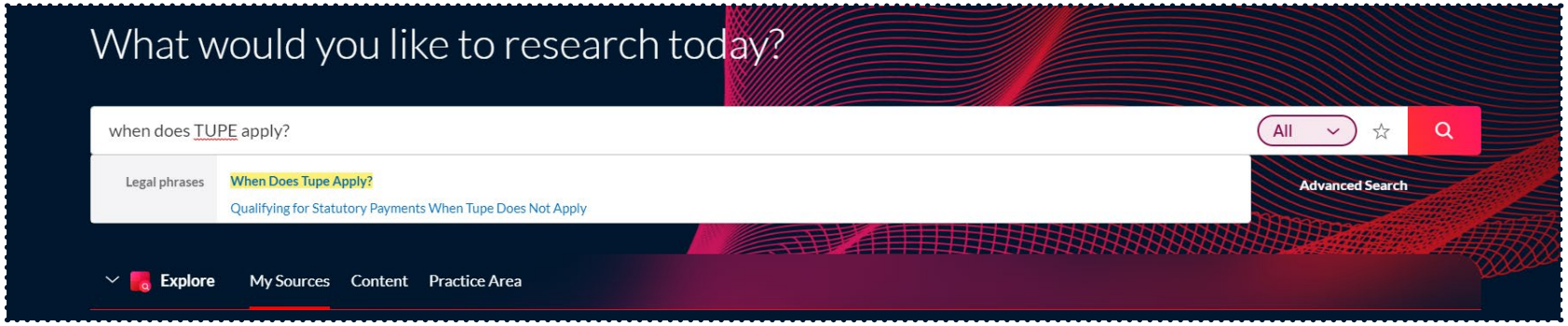
Search Term Maps
Quickly spot your colour coded search terms in your results. The colours indicate where your search terms appear within the document and how frequently.

Navigating Lexis+

You can search across the platform by asking a question. Here's an example of how to do this so you find an answer card.

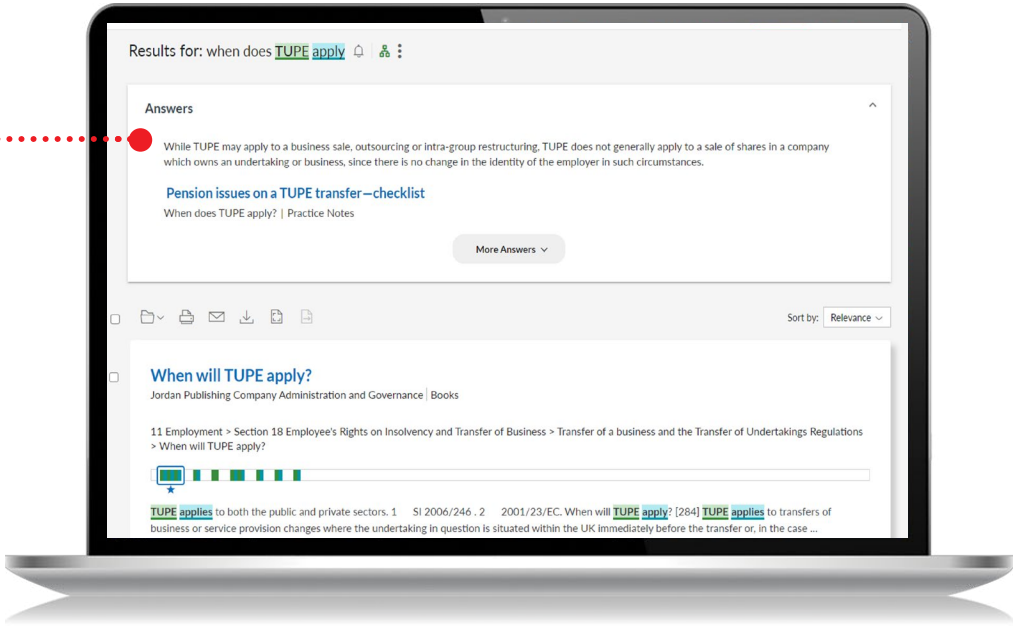
Ask a question

Type your question into the search bar and you will see some suggestions come up as you type. An answer card will appear at the top of your search results.



Answer Cards

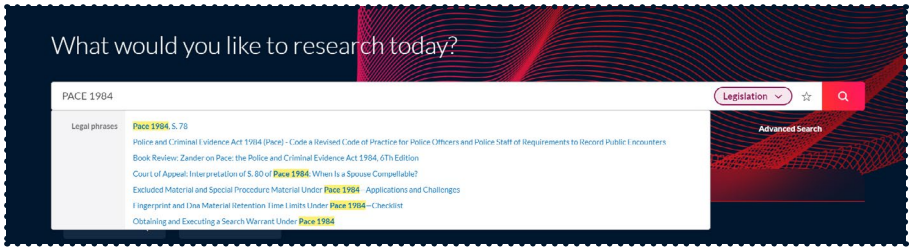
Find the answers to all your legal questions with succinct answer cards.



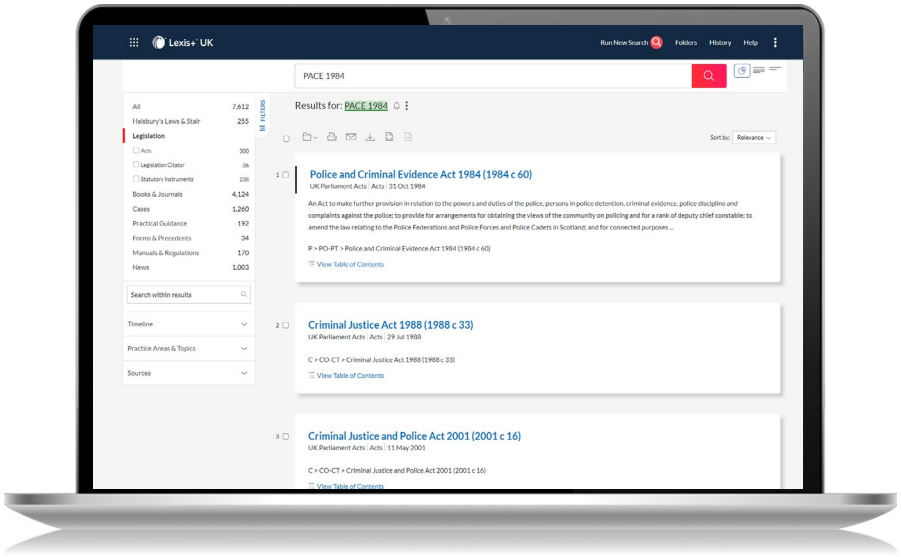
Legislation

You can run a search for legislation using the search bar. If you wish to use an acronym, such as ‘PACE’, don’t forget to select the ‘Legislation’ filter first.

Enter your search term



Select from your results



Navigating legislation

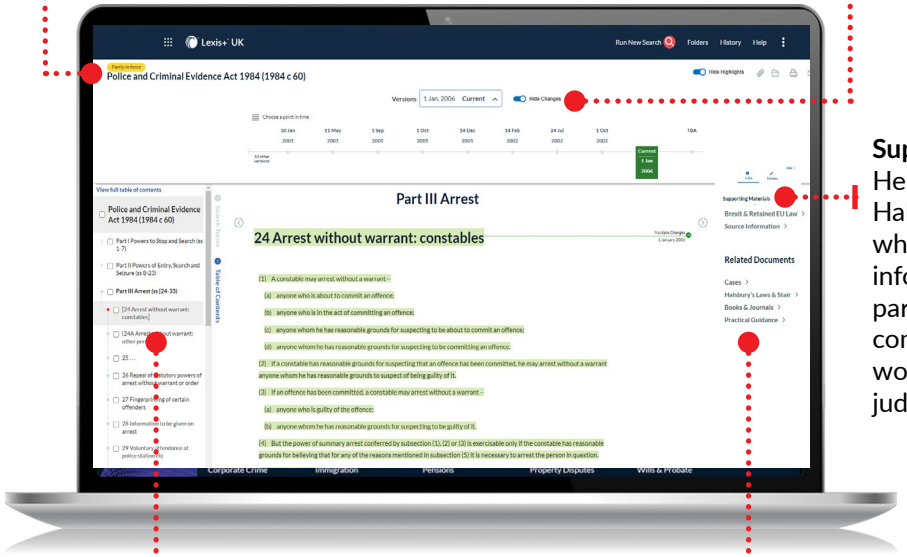
Status of legislation

A legislation status signal appears on overview and provision level documents and indicates its current status.

Legislation traffic light system In force | Partly in force | No longer in force

Historical versioning

Within the section of an act, you can view historical versions of that section from various points in time and easily identify where changes were made to the act.



Supporting Materials
Here you’ll find Halsbury’s Annotations, which gives you information about parliamentary debates, commencement and words and phrases judicially considered.

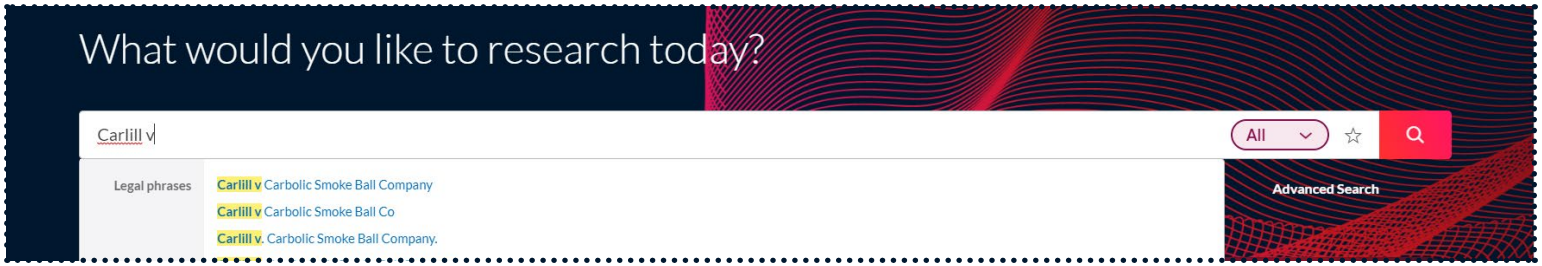
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Here you find links to the various sections of the Act.

Related Documents
Discover links to relevant case law, Books & Journals, and Practical Guidance.

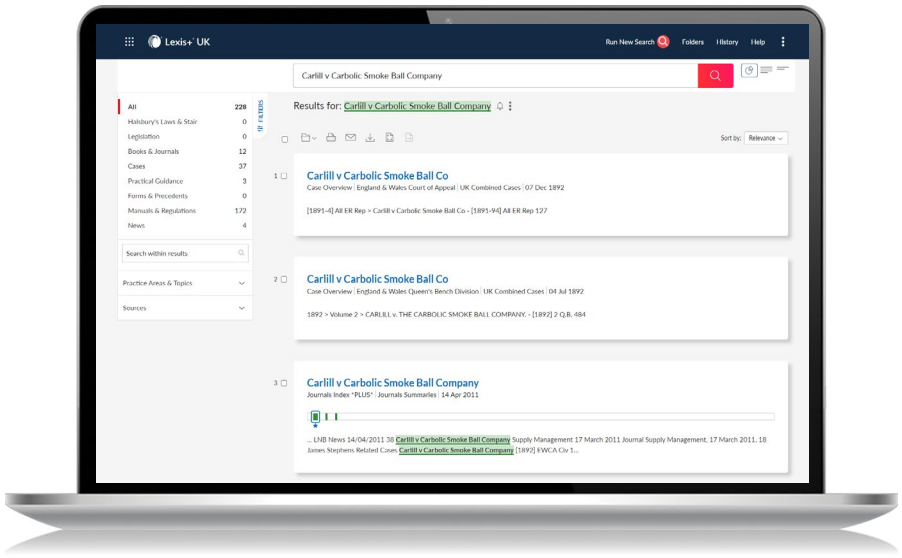
Case law

You can run a search for cases using the search bar. The default top result will be the Case Overview, which is a great starting point for researching or understanding cases. The Case Overview includes the case summary, the case history, and links to other cases referring to that case.

Enter your search term



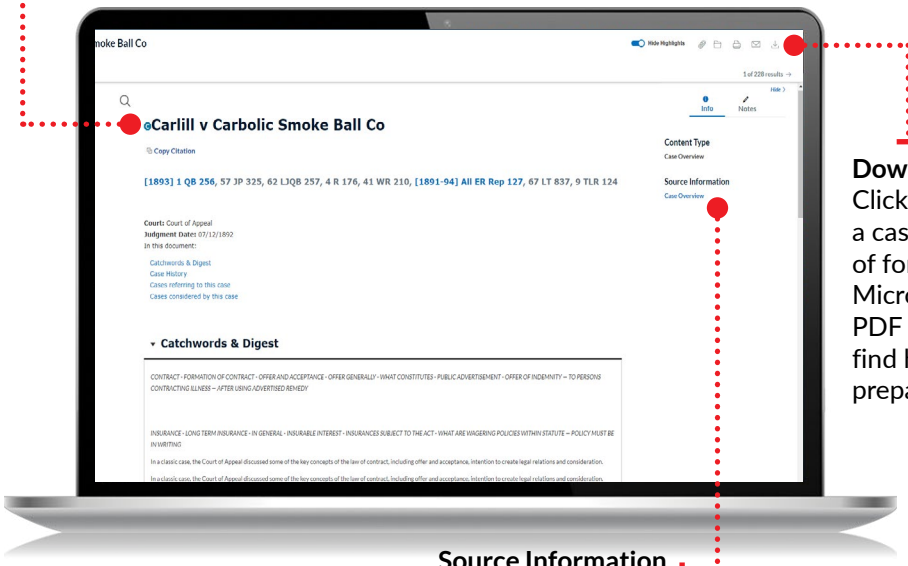
Select from your results



Case Overview

Cases traffic light system

The symbol next to the case name indicates both the procedural history and the subsequent judicial consideration of a case.



Download
Click here to download a case in a variety of formats including Microsoft Word and PDF which you will find helpful whilst preparing for moots.

Source Information
Click here to find the explanations of the traffic light symbols.

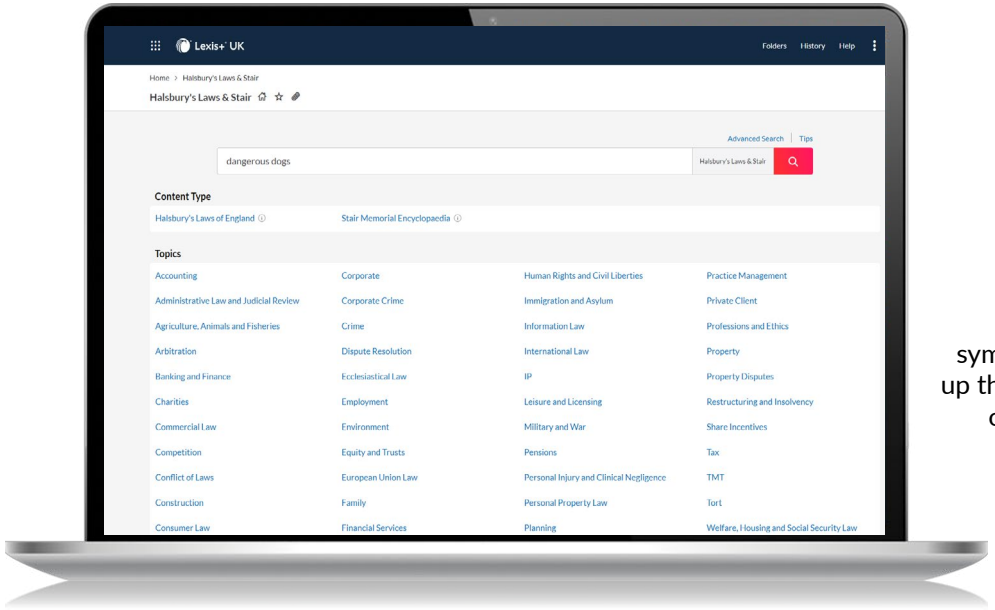
Halsbury's Laws of England & Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia

Halsbury's Laws of England provides the only comprehensive narrative statement of the law of England and Wales, covering every proposition of English law. Its Scottish counterpart, the Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia, is the only comprehensive and authoritative narrative statement of the law of Scotland. Think of them as your starting point when it comes to legal research.

Find Halsbury's & Stair in the Explore box, under Content



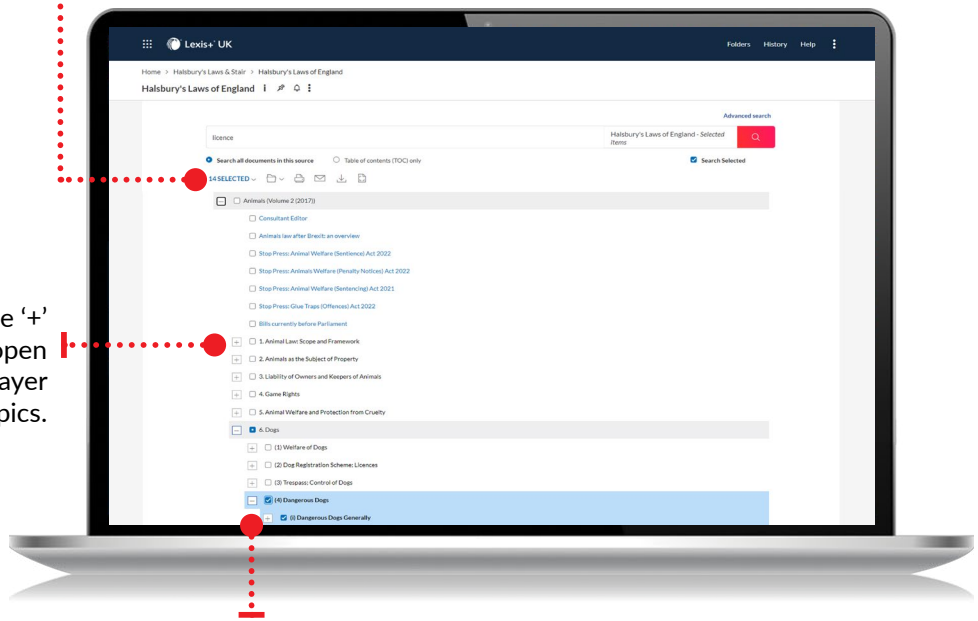
Run a quick search across both, or one of the sources



Browse the source like an encyclopaedia, and narrow down your search by topic and subtopic

You can search across the whole source, volume or selected topics and subtopics.

Click the '+' symbol to open up the next layer of subtopics.



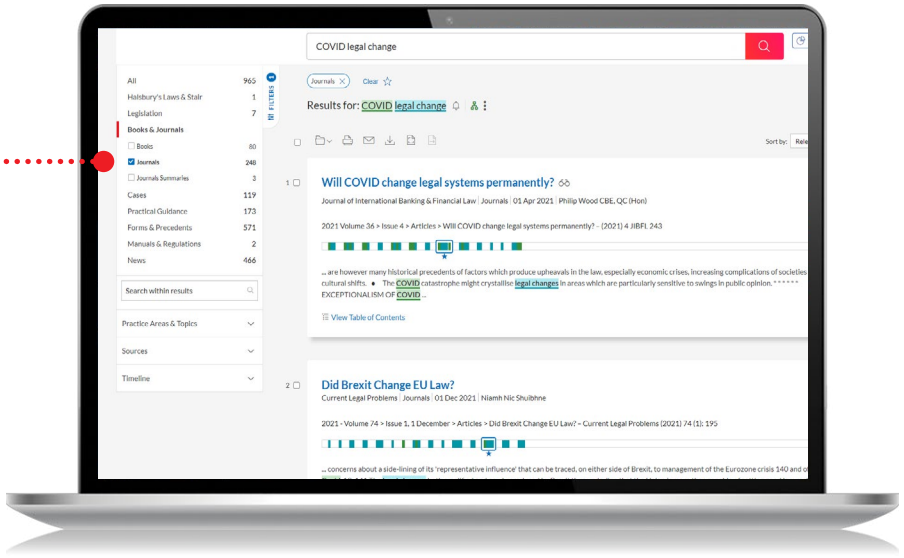
Select the section you want to run your search across by ticking the box.

Books & Journals

If you know the title of a specific book or journal, you can type it into the search bar to find it. But if you want to browse across the books and journals to find out what's available, you can do this too. Select Books & Journals under the Content tab in the Explore box, choose your content type, and then view an A-Z list of everything that's available.

Searching with the Books & Journals filter

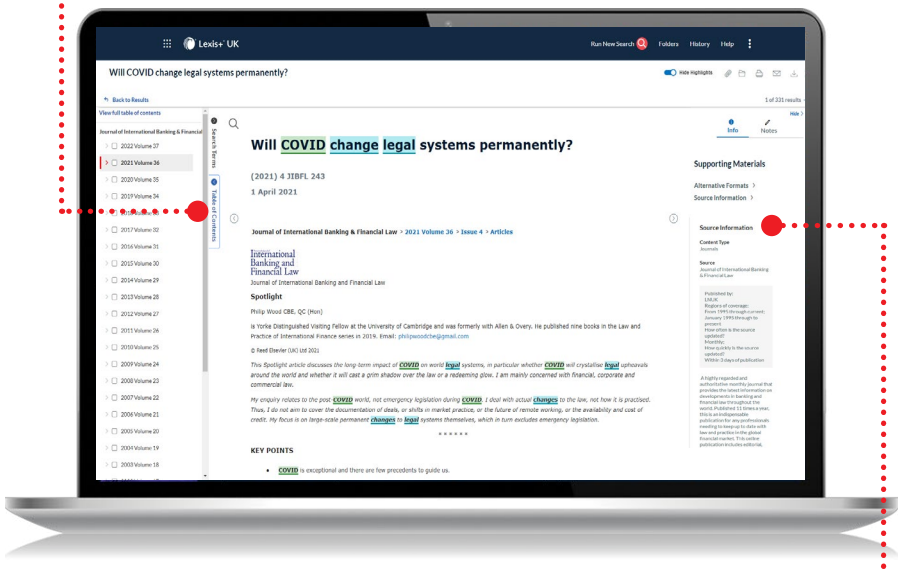




Filtering
You can further narrow your results by filtering on the left-hand side.

Navigating journals

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Click here to navigate between different volumes of a journal (or sections in a book).



Source Information
Click here to find out information about the source including coverage dates, how often the source is updated, and the articles included.

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