



**Westlaw UK**  
**Legislation**  
**Quick Reference**  
**Guide**

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## Coverage

- Full text of UK Public General Acts 1267 onwards including pre- and post-devolution Scottish legislation
- Full text of Statutory Instruments 1948 onwards
- Local Acts - 1990 onwards and selected Local Acts 1980-1989 and 1930-1939 (based on legislation in force 1991 and all subsequent Acts and SIs)

## Methods of Searching

There are two main ways of searching for legislation.

### 1. *Legislation Database*

From the Welcome page, select the **Legislation** link at the top of the screen. Here you can search for a word or phrase in the **Free Text** box (see later section on **Search Language**). You can also enter the title of the Act/SI in the **Title** box and if you require a specific section/part etc. you can specify this in the **Provision** section. Click **Search**.

**Please note** that by using this search option you will search the current version of the legislation. To search historic or prospective versions of legislation use **Advanced Search**.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw UK website's Legislation search page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Cases, Legislation (selected), Journals, Current Awareness, EU, and Commentary. Below the tabs, the page title is 'Legislation' with a breadcrumb 'Home > Legislation'. A search bar is present with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search'. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Advanced Search', 'Legislation Help and Coverage', and 'List of'. Below the search bar, there is a heading 'For Historic Law or Prospective Law use Advanced Search'. The search form includes several fields: 'Free Text' (empty), 'Act/SI Title' (containing 'data protection act 1998'), 'Provision Number' (with a dropdown menu set to 'section' and a text box containing '10'), and 'Statutory Definition' (empty). There is also a checkbox for 'Terms in Context' which is unchecked. A 'Search' button and a '[ Clear ]' link are located to the right of the search fields. Information icons (i) are placed next to the search fields.

## 2. Advanced Search

This option allows you to search current legislation, historic or prospective law or point in time versions. For Acts historic versions go back to 1991; for SIs historic versions go back to 1968.

Enter your search terms in the **Free Text** or **Act/SI Title** box. Under **Select** leave the setting at **Law in Force** if you require current legislation. Click on **Search**. If you require historic, prospective or point of time versions, make your selection from the options available. Click on **Search**.

The screenshot shows the 'Legislation' website's 'Advanced Search' page. At the top, there is a breadcrumb 'Home > Legislation' and a toggle for 'Advanced Search' (selected) and 'Basic Search'. A notice states: 'Searches will be performed at today's date unless you select Historic Law, Prospective Law or Point in Time'. The search fields include: 'Free Text' (empty), 'Act/SI Title' (containing 'data protection act 1998'), 'Provision Number' (with a dropdown set to 'section' and '10'), and 'Statutory Definition' (empty). There are 'Search' and '[ Clear ]' buttons. Under the 'Select' section, 'All versions including' is selected, with sub-options for 'Law in Force', 'Historic Law', and 'Prospective Law'. 'Point in Time (dd/mm/yyyy)' is also selected with a date of '20/05/2000'. A 'Since (dd/mm/yyyy)' field is empty. At the bottom, it notes: 'Acts: Historic versions back to 1991' and 'SIs: Historic versions back to 1968'.

## Browsing Legislation

From the **Legislation** database you can browse legislation by year, by title or by jurisdiction (either UK or Scottish Parliament). By selecting your preferred choice you will obtain a chronological or alphabetical index. Select from these and then continue to drill down until you find your item. Click on the link. The item will appear with an **Arrangement of an Act/SI** document with further options to view **Overview Document** or **General Materials**. For an explanation of these document categories see the following pages.

The screenshot shows the 'Browse' page of the Legislation website. It features a list of categories with links for further exploration: 'Public and General Acts:' with links 'By Year' and 'By Title'; 'Local Acts:' with links 'By Year' and 'By Title'; 'Church Measures:' with links 'By Year' and 'By Title'; 'Statutory Instruments:' with links 'By Year' and 'By Title'; and 'Jurisdiction:' with links 'UK Parliament' and 'Scottish Parliament'.

# Legislation Documents

There are five types of legislation document available.

## 1. Arrangement of Acts/SI Document

If you search in the **Title** field for an Act or SI, you will retrieve an **Arrangement of Act/SI** document. This is like a contents page and you can link directly to any section from this. If a provision has been repealed or revoked, this will be indicated in the **Arrangement of Act/SI** document.

The screenshot shows the 'Arrangement of Act' page for the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65. The page title is 'Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65' and the subtitle is 'Arrangement of Act'. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with checkboxes and green checkmarks next to sections 1 through 6. The main content area is currently blank, indicating that the selected section is not yet displayed.

## 2. Full Text Document

Find the section of the Act/SI you need by using the search box in the Legislation database. Click on the link to your section. The full text will then appear. There are links to other sections and legislation cited within the full text. You can move to **Previous Provision** or **Next Provision** by using the links above the legislation title.

The screenshot shows the 'Full Text Document' page for section 4 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65. The page title is 'Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65' and the subtitle is '4.— Destruction and disqualification orders.' The left sidebar contains a table of contents with checkboxes and green checkmarks next to sections 1 through 6. The main content area displays the full text of section 4, including subsections (1), (1A), (a), and (b). The page also includes navigation links for 'Previous Provision' and 'Next Provision'.

### 3. Legislation Analysis Document

There is a **Legislation Analysis** link in the left hand menu. This gives information on specific sections and paragraphs and includes: table of amendments, commencement, extent, related legislation and SIs enabled by the provision and cases and journal articles that cite the provision.

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**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65**  
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**s. 4 Destruction and disqualification orders.**

**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65**  
**Legislation Analysis**  
**Table of Amendments**

Version	Provision	Amendment notes	Effective date
	s. 4(9)(d)	words substituted by <a href="#">Courts Act 2003 c. 39, Sch. 8 para. 353(b)</a>	April 1, 2005
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	s. 4(6)	words substituted by <a href="#">Courts Act 2003 c. 39, Sch. 8 para. 353(a)</a>	April 1, 2005
	s. 4(3)(a)	words repealed by <a href="#">Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 c. 53, s. 1(4)</a>	June 8, 1997
	s. 4(2)	words repealed by <a href="#">Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 c. 53, s. 1(3)</a>	June 8, 1997
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### 4. Overview Document

The left hand menu also has an **Overview Document** link which contains information about the Act/SI as a whole. This includes: prospective amendments, commencement of all provisions, all non-textual amendments, definitions, a citator of all textual amendments, EU legislation implemented by the Act/SI, all SIs made under the Act and, for SIs, information on the enabling Act.

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**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65**  
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**Commencement**  
**Commencement provisions:**

	July 25, 1991 (Royal Assent) <a href="#">Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65</a> <a href="#">Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Commencement and Appointed Day) Order 1991/1742</a>
<a href="#">s. 1-4, 5-7</a>	August 12, 1991 ( <a href="#">1991 c. 65 s. 10(4)</a> ; <a href="#">SI 1991/1742 art. 3</a> )
<a href="#">s. 8</a>	July 25, 1991 ( <a href="#">1991 c. 65 s. 10(1)</a> )
<a href="#">s. 9-10</a>	August 12, 1991 ( <a href="#">1991 c. 65 s. 10(4)</a> ; <a href="#">SI 1991/1742 art. 3</a> )

## 5. General Materials

This will appear in the left hand menu. The General Materials document gives analytical information about the Act/SI as a whole and about Parts, Chapters and Schedules which do not have a **Legislation Analysis** document. It contains information about modifications, the enabling legislation, any EU law implemented, related legislation, cases and journal articles that cite the Act/SI, part or Schedule etc.

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**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65**  
[Overview Document](#)

General Materials

**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65**

**General Materials**

**Modifications**

Whole Document [National Assembly for Wales \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 1999/672, Sch. 1 para. 1](#)

**Related Legislation**

**Applying**

Whole Document [Legislative and Regulatory Reform \(Regulatory Functions\) Order 2007/3544, Sch. 1\(2\) para. 1](#)  
[Legislative and Regulatory Reform \(Regulatory Functions\) Order 2007/3544, Sch. 1\(3\) para. 1](#)  
[Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 c. 13, Sch. 3 para. 1](#)

**Referring**

Whole Document [Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 c. 13, Sch. 6 para. 1](#)

**Cases Citing**

**Whole Document**

1. **Annan v Troup**  
[1994 S.L.T. 679; 1993 S.C.C.R. 192 \(HCJ Appeal\)](#)
2. **Bates v DPP**  
[\(1993\) 157 J.P. 1004; Times, March 8, 1993; \(1993\) 157 J.P.N. 457 \(DC\)](#)
3. **Booker Aquaculture Ltd (t/a Marine Harvest McConnell) v Secretary of State for Scotland (Judicial Review)**  
[\[1999\] 1 C.M.L.R. 35; \[1999\] Eu. L.R. 54; Times, September 24, 1998; 1998 G.W.D. 21-1089 \(OH\)](#)
4. **Briscoe v Shattock**  
[\[1999\] 1 W.L.R. 432; \(1999\) 163 J.P. 201; \[1999\] E.H.L.R. 108; Times, October 12, 1998; \[1999\] Crim. L.R. 396; \[1999\] C.O.D. 3; \(1999\) 193 J.P.N. 271; \[1999\] E.H.L.R. Dig. 105 \(DC\)](#)
5. **Bullock v United Kingdom (Admissibility) (29102/95)**  
[\(1996\) 21 E.H.R.R. CD85 \(Eur Comm HR\)](#)
6. **Cichon v DPP, Independent, March 28, 1994**  
[\[1994\] Crim. L.R. 918; \[1995\] C.O.D. 5 \(QBD\)](#)
7. **Cummings v DPP, Times, March 26, 1999; Independent, March 8, 1999**  
[\[1999\] C.O.D. 288; \(1999\) 143 S.J.L.B. 112; \[1999\] E.H.L.R. Dig. 455 \(QBD\)](#)
8. **Dirom v Howdle**  
[1995 S.L.T. 1016; 1995 S.C.C.R. 368 \(HCJ Appeal\)](#)
9. **DPP v Fellowes**  
[\(1993\) 157 J.P. 936; Times, February 1, 1993; \[1993\] Crim. L.R. 523 \(DC\)](#)
10. **DPP v Kellett**  
[\(1994\) 158 J.P. 1138; Times, July 14, 1994; Independent, July 11, 1994; \[1994\] Crim. L.R. 916; \[1995\] C.O.D. 32; \(1994\) 158 J.P.N. 587 \(QBD\)](#)

**Journal Articles**

**Whole Document**

1. **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, s.1 - whether failure to tattoo pit bull terrier caused certificate of...**  
Certificates; Dogs; Exemptions.  
[Crim. L.R. 1993, Dec, 942-944](#)
2. **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 s.1(7) - mens rea**  
Defences; Dogs; Intoxication; Offences.  
[Crim. L.R. 1994, Dec, 916-918](#)
3. **Dangerous dogs - statutory defence**  
Defences; Dogs; Jury directions.  
[Crim. L.R. 1998, May, 336-337](#)
4. **Dangerous dog**  
Defences; Dogs; Jury directions; Offences.  
[Crim. L.R. 1999, Jul, 568-569](#)

## PDF of complete Act/SI

It is possible to obtain a PDF of a whole Act or SI. The option for this is at the top right hand of the screen alongside the options to print or email.



It is not advisable to print the PDF if it is very large as this will cause problems for other users attempting to send material to the Enquiry Point printer. If the PDF is very large you should use the email option.

## Printing

Select the legislation you require. Click on the **Print** icon on the right of the screen.

Select the **output option** you require. Click on **Submit**.

You will be shown a print dialogue box. Click on **Print**.

Printing can be collected at the Enquiry Point and costs 10 pence per page.

## Emailing

Select the legislation or information you require and select the **Email** icon on the right of the screen.

Enter your email address in the **To** box. Add a subject or message as appropriate. Select Word or PDF format and preferred output option. Click on **Send**.

A screenshot of an "E-mail Options" dialog box. The title bar is blue with the text "E-mail Options". Below the title bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Legislation > Search Results > Document > Delivery Options". The dialog contains several fields: a "To" field with a text input box and the instruction "Separate multiple addresses with semicolons."; a "Subject" field with a text input box containing "Your Westlaw Document"; and a "Message" field with a large text area and a vertical scrollbar, with the instruction "Your document will be attached to this E-mail." below it. At the bottom, there are two sections: "Attachment File Format" with radio buttons for "Word / WordPerfect (RTF)" (selected) and "PDF"; and "Output Options" with checkboxes for "Display status indicator" (checked), "Include live links" (checked), "Highlight search terms" (unchecked), and "Include summary page" (unchecked). At the very bottom are "Send" and "Cancel" buttons.

## Search Language

### **AND**

Use AND to retrieve two or more search terms occurring within the same document

e.g. “maternity leave” and discrimination

### **OR**

Use OR to retrieve either search term or both

e.g. “paternity leave” or “maternity leave”

### **“Quotation Marks”**

Use quotation marks around your search terms to find an exact phrase

e.g. “financial services and markets Act 2000”

**!**

To retrieve words with variant endings, use the root expander !

e.g. employ! will retrieve employ, employee, employer etc.

For more information on search operators select

**Terms & Connectors** at Home>>Legislation

