



WESTLAW UK LEGISLATION Quick Reference Guide



COVERAGE

- Full text of UK Public General Acts 1267 onwards including pre- and post-devolution Scottish legislation (in force as at 1991)
- Full text of Statutory Instruments 1948 onwards
- Local Acts - all Local Acts 1991 onwards; selected Local Acts 1900-1990
- UK Bills 2015 onwards
- Policy and guidance documents including codes of practice, circulars, Command Papers and other official publications

METHODS OF SEARCHING

Home Page

Type the title of the legislation you require in the search box. Tick Legislation from the drop down Options and click search.

Terms and connectors can be viewed via the information icon within the search box.

The screenshot displays the Westlaw search interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', and 'More'. Below this is a promotional banner: 'Curious about recent Brexit cases? Search and browse the latest cases today.' The search box contains the text '"data protection act 2018 c 12"'. To the right of the search box is an 'Options' dropdown menu and a search button. Two blue arrows point to the 'Options' menu and the search button. Below the search box, a 'Clear all' button is visible. On the left side, there is a 'Browse by Topic' section with a list of categories: Commercial, Companies and partnerships, Contract, Crime, Data and communications, Employment and work, and Environment. The 'Featured' section is partially visible at the bottom left. The main search results area is a dropdown menu with a 'Natural language' checkbox. It is divided into 'Content Types' and 'Topics' sections. The 'Content Types' section includes: Cases, Legislation (checked), Journals, Overviews, and Current Awareness. The 'Topics' section includes: Commercial, Companies and partnerships, Contract, Crime, Data and communications, Employment and work, Environment, Equality and human rights, Family, Finance, Health and social welfare, Insolvency, Intellectual property, International, Land, Legal system, Litigation and dispute resolution, Local government, Planning and construction, Public and constitutional law, Social regulation, Tax, Torts, Transport and shipping, and Trusts and personal property.

Legislation on the Toolbar

Click **Legislation** on the top toolbar to search or browse across all legislation and guidance materials.

There are six sections:

- Legislation Home - for searching for legislation
- Primary & Secondary Legislation - for browsing legislation in force from Westminster and Devolved Parliaments
- Bills & Draft Legislation - for browsing content from Devolved Parliaments and Brexit content
- Policy & Guidance materials - for browsing Codes of Practice, Consultations and HMRC Manuals
- Latest Legislation - to view very recent legislation
- Key Legal Concepts - not included in Inner Temple Library's subscription

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Primary & Secondary Legislation Bills & Draft Legislation Policy & Guidance

[Terms and Connectors](#)

Title

Provision Number Any

Free Text

[More options](#)

Legislation Home

Here you can search for the Primary and Secondary Legislation, Bills & Draft Legislation as well as Policy & Guidance documents.

Within Legislation Home, type in the title of the material you need. You can specify a part or section via the Provision Number drop down menu. There is also a Free Text option.

Use **More options** to expand the search fields to include options such as Statutory Definition, Jurisdiction and Point in Time/Historic Law and Prospective Law.

Primary & Secondary Legislation

Use this option to **browse** through legislation content.

You can browse by jurisdiction then by year. Legislation is then listed in A-Z order.

You can also browse by Title.

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Public & General Acts

Year	Title
1200-1699	1700-1799
1800-1899	1900-1999
2000-2009	2010-2018
2000	2001
2002	2003
2004	2005
2006	2007
2008	2009

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A

Appropriation Act 2008 c. 3

Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2008 c. 8

Appropriation (No. 3) Act 2008 c. 19

B

Bills & Draft Legislation - here you can **browse** by Jurisdiction and then by Session or Title.

Policy & Guidance - here you can **browse** by Jurisdiction and then type of document; then by Title or Year.

VIEWING LEGISLATION

If you search using the title of an Act/SI a link is displayed that takes you to an arrangement of Act/SI in the centre of the screen. From here you can click on any individual section to view.

NB next to the link to the legislation there will be a PDF of the full document.

On the left is a **Table of Contents** relating to the whole piece of legislation which may display the following information:

Act/SI Details - has information on prospective law; proposed draft amendments; commencement; EU law implemented; modifications; definitions; SIs made under the Act.

Primary References - includes all legislation citing the Act/SI.

Commentary References - includes references to journal articles and books that comment on the legislation as a whole; topic overviews.

Practical Law References - links to practice notes and standard documents on Practical Law that refer to the legislation.

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a breadcrumb trail at the top: Home > Legislation > Search Results > Document. On the left, there is a 'Table of Contents' sidebar with a close button (x). The sidebar contains the following items: 'Arrangement of Act', 'Act Details', 'Primary References', 'Commentary References', and 'Practical Law References'. The main content area displays the title 'Human Rights Act 1998 c. 42' in yellow. Below the title, there is a 'Collapse all' link and a list of sections with checkboxes and status indicators (green checkmarks):

- Whole Document
 - Preamble
- Introduction
 - s. 1 The Convention Rights.
 - s. 2 Interpretation of Convention rights.
- Legislation
 - s. 3 Interpretation of legislation.
 - s. 4 Declaration of incompatibility.
 - s. 5 Right of Crown to intervene.
- Public authorities
 - s. 6 Acts of public authorities.

Viewing Sections of Acts/SIs

If you view a section of the Act/SI, on the left of the screen there will be a **Table of Contents** for each section which may display the following information specific to the section you are viewing:

Provision Details - this includes a Table of Amendments, Commencement, details on Extent and SIs Made under the Act, Notes that detail any changes.

Primary References - lists legislation citing and cases citing the section of the Act/SI.

Commentary References - includes references to journal articles and books that comment on the legislation; topic overviews.

Practical Law References - links to practice notes and standard documents on Practical Law that refer to the section of the Act/SI.

(NB Inner Temple Library does not subscribe to Statutory Annotations.)

The screenshot shows the WESTLAW website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the WESTLAW logo and links for Cases, Legislation, Journals, Current Awareness, and More. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Legislation > Search Results > Document. On the left side, there is a 'Table of Contents' sidebar with a close button (x). The sidebar contains a 'Provision' section with a dropdown arrow, listing 'Text', 'Notes', and 'Statutory Annotations'. Below this, there are four sections: 'Provision Details', 'Primary References', 'Commentary References', and 'Practical Law References'. The main content area on the right displays the title 'Human Rights Act 1998 c. 42 s. 7 Proceedings.' in blue. Below the title, there is a section titled '7.— Proceedings.' followed by three numbered paragraphs: (1) A person who claims that a public authority has acted (or proposes to act) in a way which is made unlawful by section 6(1) may— (a) bring proceedings against the authority under this Act in the appropriate court or tribunal, or (b) rely on the Convention right or rights concerned in any legal proceedings, but only if he is (or would be) a victim of the unlawful act. (2) In subsection (1)(a) "appropriate court or tribunal" means such court or tribunal as may be determined in accordance with rules; and proceedings against an authority include a counterclaim or similar proceeding. (3) If the proceedings are brought on an application for judicial review, the applicant is to be taken to have a sufficient interest in relation to the unlawful act only if he is, or would be, a victim of that act.

On the right of the screen there is a tramline showing different versions of the section.

Human Rights Act 1998 c. 42

s. 7 Proceedings.

7.— Proceedings.

(1) A person who claims that a public authority has acted (or proposes to act) in a way which is made unlawful by [section 6\(1\)](#) may—

(a) bring proceedings against the authority under this Act in the appropriate court or tribunal, or

(b) rely on the Convention right or rights concerned in any legal proceedings,

but only if he is (or would be) a victim of the unlawful act.

(2) In subsection (1)(a) “*appropriate court or tribunal*” means such court or tribunal as may be determined in accordance with rules; and proceedings against an authority include a counterclaim or similar proceeding.

(3) If the proceedings are brought on an application for judicial review, the applicant is to be taken to have a sufficient interest in relation to the unlawful act only if he is, or would be, a victim of that act.

(4) If the proceedings are made by way of a petition for judicial review in Scotland, the applicant shall be taken to have title and interest to sue in relation to the unlawful act only if he is, or would be, a victim of that act.

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Law In Force



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Version 3

To: Present

From: 12 January 2006



Version 2

To: 11 January 2006

From: 19 August 2003



Version 1

To: 18 August 2003

From: 2 October 2000

Subjects

Human rights

Keywords

Human rights; Ministers' powers and duties; Proceedings; Public

FINDING HISTORIC VERSIONS OF LEGISLATION

Use the search box at **Legislation Home**.

Type in the title of the legislation and click on **More Options**. From there you can select various options for different time periods.

Title	<input type="text"/>
Provision Number	<input type="text" value="Any"/> <input type="button" value="v"/> <input type="text"/>
Free Text	<input type="text"/>
Subject/Keyword	<input type="text"/>
Statutory Definition	<input type="text"/> <input style="float: right;" type="button" value="?"/>
Jurisdiction	<input type="text" value="All Jurisdictions"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Version	<input type="button" value="Status"/> <input type="button" value="Since"/> <input type="button" value="Point in Time"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Today
	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Law
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective Law
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Also include legislation only available as originally enacted

EDITING SEARCHES

If you retrieve too many hits, there are filters that can be used to reduce the number of hits. These filters may include Date, Topic, Jurisdiction, Status and Document Type.

Topic		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		6
<input type="checkbox"/> Crime		24
<input type="checkbox"/> Data and communications		2
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment and work		3
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment		3
<input type="checkbox"/> Equality and human rights		4
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance		1
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and social welfare		3
<input type="checkbox"/> International		8
<input type="checkbox"/> Land		7
<input type="checkbox"/> Local government		5
<input type="checkbox"/> Public and constitutional law		1
<input type="checkbox"/> Social regulation		85
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport and shipping		18
<input type="checkbox"/> Unclassified		31

Date	
All	
Last 6 months	
Last 12 months	
Last 3 years	
Date range	
From	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>
To	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>

Jurisdiction		
<input type="checkbox"/> UK		97
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		1

<input type="checkbox"/> > 2. Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 asp 9 (Scottish Act)
<input type="checkbox"/> > 3. Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Act 2002 c. 37
<input type="checkbox"/> > 4. Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 c. 1
<input type="checkbox"/> > 5. Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 c. 11
<input type="checkbox"/> > 6. Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 c. 53
<input type="checkbox"/> > 7. Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 c. 20
<input type="checkbox"/> > 8. Breeding of Dogs Act 1991 c. 64
<input type="checkbox"/> > 9. Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65
<input type="checkbox"/> > 10. Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 c. 30
<input type="checkbox"/> > 11. Guard Dogs Act 1975 c. 50
<input type="checkbox"/> > 12. Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 c. 60
<input type="checkbox"/> > 13. Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 c. 28
<input type="checkbox"/> > 14. Dogs (Amendment) Act 1928 c. 21
<input type="checkbox"/> > 15. Dogs Act 1906 c. 32

PRINTING

Select the legislation you require. Delivery icons are on the right of the screen. Click on **Print**. There are 2 options (Advanced and Content to Append).

Select the option you need and click **Print**.

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 you require. Delivery icons are on the right of the screen. Click on **Email**. There are 3 options (Basic, Advanced and Content to Append).

Select the option you need and fill in any details. Click **Email**.

SEARCH LANGUAGE

& Search terms in the same document

or Either search term or both terms

% Not containing terms

" " Search for an exact phrase within quotation marks

/p Terms in same paragraph

/n Within n terms of

***** Universal character e.g. withdr*w will find withdraw or withdrew

! Search for terms with multiple endings e.g. employ! will find employee, employer or employed

HELP

For additional help, go to User Guides at the bottom of the screen.