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
- 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.
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
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.
**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.
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.)
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.
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.

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.
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.