



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.

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WESTLAW EDGE UK™

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data protection act 2018 c.12

ⓘ All content ▾ 🔍

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Browse by Topic

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- Contract

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- ☐ Journals
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Topics

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- ☐ Crime
- ☐ Data and communications
- ☐ Employment and work
- ☐ Environment
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- ☐ Litigation and dispute resolution
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Personal injury

Legislation on the Toolbar

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

There are seven sections:

- Legislation Search - for searching for legislation
- Primary & Secondary Legislation - for browsing legislation in force from Westminster and Devolved Parliaments
- Retained EU Legislation - browse by year of title
- Bills & Drafts - 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 - an A-Z list of key concepts in law

The screenshot shows the Thomson Reuters Westlaw Edge UK interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Cases', 'Legislation' (highlighted with an orange underline), 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', and 'Index of Legal Terms'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Legislation Search'. The main heading is 'Legislation Search', with a 'Copy link' button to its left and a 'Show Terms and Connectors' link to its right. Below the heading are three tabs: 'Primary & Secondary Legislation' (selected with an orange underline), 'Bills & Draft Legislation', and 'Policy & Guidance'. The search form contains three input fields: 'Title' (a text box), 'Provision Number' (a dropdown menu set to 'Any' followed by a text box), and 'Free Text' (a text box). At the bottom of the form are a yellow 'More options' button and a blue 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon.

Legislation Search

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 or title.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Legislation Search interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Cases, Legislation (selected), Journals, Current Awareness, Index of Legal Terms, EU, and Westlaw Books. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Primary & Secondary Legislation > Public & General Acts. The main heading is 'Public & General Acts' with a 'Copy link' button. Below this is a table with two columns: 'Year' and 'Title'. The 'Year' column has a dropdown menu with options: 1200-1699, 1700-1799, 1800-1899, 1900-1999, 2000-2009 (selected), 2010-2019, and 2020-2020. Below this, a row of years from 2000 to 2009 is shown, with 2008 highlighted. To the right of the years is a '1 - 20 >' link. Below the table, two results are listed under the heading 'A': 'Appropriation Act 2008 c. 3' and 'Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2008 c. 8', each with a document icon.

Year	Title
1200-1699	1700-1799
1800-1899	1900-1999
2000-2009	2010-2019
2020-2020	
2000	2001
2002	2003
2004	2005
2006	2007
2008	2009

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Appropriation Act 2008 c. 3

Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2008 c. 8

Bills & Drafts - 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.

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 - ☒ s. 1 The Convention Rights.
 - ☒ s. 2 Interpretation of Convention rights.
- ☒ Legislation
 - ☒ s. 3 Interpretation of legislation.
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 - ☒ s. 10 Power to take remedial action.

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 - the text of the Section and Notes detailing any modifications to the text.

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

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.)

Provision	Human Rights Act 1998 c. 42	
☐ Provision Details	s. 10 Power to take remedial action.	
Table of Amendments	Table of Amendments	
Commencement	 1	<i>See commencement below</i>
Extent	Commencement	
SIs Made Under Act	s. 10(1)-(7)	October 2, 2000 SI 2000/1851 art. 2
Primary References	Extent	
Commentary References	s. 10(1)-(7)	United Kingdom
Practical Law References	SIs Made Under 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.
- (5) Proceedings under subsection (1)(a) must be brought before the end of—
- (a) the period of one year beginning with the date on which the act complained of took place; or

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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 authorities

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Note the Compare versions button on the tramline. By clicking this you can see the different versions side by side or see the differences in one single page.

FINDING HISTORIC VERSIONS OF LEGISLATION

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

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

Title

Provision Number

Any

Free Text

Subject/Keyword

Statutory Definition

Jurisdiction

All Jurisdictions

Version

Status

Since

Point in Time

☒ Law Today

☐ Historic Law

☐ Prospective Law

☒ 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> All	
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 6 months	
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 12 months	
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 3 years	
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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) 
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<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 
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<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**.

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 2 options (Basic and Advanced).

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.