Lexis®Library – searching for articles in UK and international legal journals

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Lexis®Library gives users online access to full text articles, as well as abstracts from UK & international legal journals.

The Journals Index is a practitioner focused index of legal articles which is updated daily. It provides access to abstracts from over 500 legal journals.

Accessing the database

Go to the Library home page and enter Lexis Library in the Search Our Collections box. On the results page, select the Books+ tab, then click on the title line which will link you to the database, Lexis Library, and, when prompted, log in with your university username and password.

Note! Personalisation services, e.g. ‘Alerts’, ‘Saved searches’, etc. are only available when using off campus access via the UK Federation (Shibboleth) link.

1. UK legal journals

Searching for UK full text journals

Click on the Journals tab in the top menu bar to open the journals specific search screen.

For full text journals, enter your search terms into the Search terms box, and click on the Search button. It is not necessary to complete every field on this screen. The default search is All Subscribed Journal Sources. To view a complete list of UK journals, click on More sources and then select Legal Journals. Tick the source or sources you require, and click on OK-Continue. Your search will then be limited to your selected titles.

Need articles on a subject? Enter your search terms in the ‘Search terms’ box or select index terms from a hierarchical list of legal topics by clicking on Add topics to search.

Article citation

The Article citation search box can be used to search the citation of an article. You may ignore brackets or other punctuation, and you may use lower case if preferred, e.g. to search for the article entitled Adventurous Administrator in Tolley’s Insolvency Law and Practice, (2004) 20 IL and P 273, enter 2004 20 il and p 273 in the Article citation box, and click on Search.

Specify date

You may narrow your search to documents published on a specific day or within the date range you specify.
Viewing search results

Search results appear in a list view, with 40 article titles on each page. You can narrow down your results by adding terms in the Search within results box. Click on the title (in blue) to open the full text of the article. To go back to your original list of results, click on the View last search tab, in the top left corner. To edit the existing search, click on the icon at the top right corner of the screen.

Searching UK Journals Index

In the Journals screen, select Journals Index (see image on the left) and complete the search form as for full text journals above. To make your search more specific, select legal topics from the Add topics to search drop-down menu.

If you are searching UK Journals Index, you will be provided with a brief summary of the article. Where the full text is not provided in Lexis®Library, you should check Primo, as it may be available in print or from another database.

Browsing UK legal journals

Although searching is the most common method of finding journal articles in Lexis®Library, it is not your only option. From the main Journals page, you can select Browse on the left-hand side of the screen. This will open a list of all UK subscribed journals. Scroll through the list to find the title you need, then click on the + symbol to find the year/volume/issue you require. Browse the Table of contents and click on the citation of the article, book review or editorial you need to open in full text.

2. International legal journals

Accessing international journals

Click on Journals in the top menu bar to get access to International Content. You will find the link to international sources on the left-hand side of the screen, just under Journal Index. (See screenshot on the left)

If you click on International Content, you will be taken to Lexis®Library International where you can search by jurisdiction and content type, or you can select jurisdiction and browse the available sources.

Searching for international journals

First, you need to select jurisdiction and content type by using the top search bar. Note that Lexis®Library International opens with Australia (jurisdiction) and Cases (content) as default.

Enter your search terms in the search box and press Enter or click on the red magnifier glass icon.

For search tips and information about connectors and symbols, please follow the Search help link under the top search bar.
Viewing search results

Search results appear in a list view. You can narrow down your results by selecting Sources from the list on the left-hand side of the screen. The documents are sorted by Relevance. To change the order, please click on the arrow in the Sort by box and select Date (newest-oldest/oldest-newest) or Title (A-Z / Z-A). For visual help, please see image on the left-hand side.

Click on the title (in blue) to open the full text of the article.

Once you have opened a document, you have different delivery options, to Print, Email or Download it, either in PDF or Word file format.

To go back to your original results page, use the back arrow on the top left corner of the page. To start a new search, click on the Lexis®Library International logo.

Browsing international legal journals

From the opening screen of Lexis®Library International, you have the option to browse international journals.

First, you need to select your jurisdiction, e.g. Australia, and then, you will find an alphabetical list of available sources on the left-hand side of the screen.

If you choose a letter, you will see the journals whose titles start with the letter selected. Click on a journal title from this list to get more information about the source. See image below.
Logging off
To close **Lexis®Library International**, click on the Close icon ☒ on the top right corner of the screen.
To exit the database, **Lexis®Library**, click on the icon in the top menu bar, and select the **Sign Out** link. Finally, click on **OK**.

**Online tutorials**
For contextual help, click on the icon 🔍 on the top right corner of the screen, and select **Help**. Detailed user guides are available at [https://www.lexisnexis.co.uk/help-and-support/lexis-library](https://www.lexisnexis.co.uk/help-and-support/lexis-library).

**Help**
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**QGLAW016**: Lexis®Library - key features

**QGLAW017**: Lexis®Library – searching for case law

**QGLAW020**: Lexis®Library – searching for newspaper articles