



## Oil, Gas & Energy Law (OGEL): a quick guide

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QG LAW026 [<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/qglaw026.pdf>]

OGEL is a global energy law and regulation portal which includes the peer-reviewed **Oil, Gas & Energy Law** journal, covering all aspects of law relating to oil, gas and energy in general, and a legal and regulatory database containing (energy) laws, treaties, agreements, awards and other primary materials relating to the oil, gas and energy sector.



### How to access OGEL (on campus)

1. Navigate to Primo at <http://primo.abdn.ac.uk/>.
2. In the **Find Databases** tab search box, type: **OGEL**.
3. Use the link provided on the results screen to access the OGEL database.

### How to access OGEL (off campus)

1. Access to OGEL on campus relies on recognition of the IP address of a computer on the university network. You are then linked to the OGEL website without the need to login.
2. When you work on your own computer, off the university network, access must be via the **Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI)**. Use the VDI to access electronic resources (e-books, e-journals and e-databases) and also software such as MS Office and Adobe Reader.
3. For instruction on how to access the VDI download the guide at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/toolkit/documents/uploads/remote-access-vdi.pdf>
4. Once logged into the VDI, open the **vClassroom** icon (computer monitor) then, on the desktop, double-click on the **Library Resources** folder to open it.
5. To search for OGEL, open the link to **Primo – Library Holdings**, then search for and access OGEL as described above.

## How to search for journal articles

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the OGEL website with tabs for ABOUT, JOURNAL, LEGAL & REGULATORY DOCS., OGELFORUM, NEWS & EVENTS, and OGEL STUDIES. Below the navigation bar, there are sub-links for Home, Journal, Browse Issues, Articles by Category, Articles by Author, Advance publication, Specials, Search, and Book reviews. The main content area is titled "Browse by issue" and lists two issues from 2020: "OGEL 3 (2020) - Changing LNG Markets and Contracts" (May 2020) and "OGEL 2 (2020) - Regulation of Petroleum Development in Guyana" (Mar 2020). To the right, there is a "CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS" section with two calls for papers: "OGEL Call for Papers: The Hydrogen Economy" (by Dr. C. Kelly, Dr. M. Wüstenberg, Dr. S.L. Penttinen, Prof. K. Talus) and "OGEL Call for Papers: Review of the Energy Sector in Ghana" (by Victoria Ayensu). A "Browse by volume" button is also visible.

The **Oil, Gas & Energy Law Journal** is available from 2002 to date. Search options include: Browse, Articles by Category, Articles by Author, Search (full text).

## How to search for primary legal and regulatory documents

The **OGEL Legal and Regulatory Materials** database contains a large collection of energy laws, treaties, agreements, awards and other primary materials which you can browse by **Category** or **Country**, and also **Search**. Collections of primary materials include: cases, contracts and agreements, guidelines, codes and standards, international commercial arbitration awards, international treaties, investment arbitration awards, laws and regulations.

In common with the journal article search option, the **Search** facility allows a full text search of all published material.

### Search Rules:

Use "quotation marks" around phrases e.g. "renewable energy"

Use \* to find the endings of keywords e.g. regulat\* finds regulations, regulatory, regulate etc.

## How to download a full text document

The screenshot shows a document record for "Environmental Regulation of Upstream Oil & Gas Operations" with a ranking of 10. It includes options for "Direct download" (with a "Download file" button highlighted in a red box), "Author(s): Wälde (T) T.W.", "Category: Environment", "Issue: OGEL 0 (2002)", and a "Toggle preview" link.

From your list of results...

1. In the document record that interests you, click on **Download file**.
2. **STEP 1:** enter your university email address on the **Download Confirmation** window.
3. **STEP 2:** open your university email and click on the **confirmation** link included in an email message from OGEL. This returns you to the document record on the database.
4. **STEP 3:** click on **Download file** again and the document will begin to download.

The screenshot shows the "Download confirmation - Step 1" window. It contains the following text: "Step 1: Enter your email address", "Step 2: Click confirmation link in email", and "Step 3: Download document". Below this, it states: "Before you can download any documents from [www.ogel.org](\"http://www.ogel.org\") you will need to provide your University of Aberdeen email address. You can **not** use your personal email address (yahoo, hotmail, gmail etc). An email will be sent to your University of Aberdeen address with a link to confirm your identity. If you do not receive it in 24 hours please check your spam folder or contact us at [maris@xs4all.nl](\"mailto:maris@xs4all.nl\") so we can help you." A "Note" section says: "If you experience problems downloading material [follow these instructions](\"#\")." There is an input field for an email address and a "Go" button. At the bottom, there is a warning icon and text: "Important: only do this **once per session**, wait for the email to arrive before proceeding to download more documents. People repeatedly submitting this form will be **banned** automatically."

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It is necessary to follow this process only once per search session. However, you have to repeat the three-step confirmation process if you logout of OGEL and then return for another search session.

## **Saving documents to your H:\ drive**

NOTE: when downloading a document from OGEL via the **VDI** you can only save it to your **Home (H:\) drive**. This drive is a secure personal file space on the university server. This is a good drive on which to save important documents such as your essays, dissertation or thesis.

On campus, you have access to your H:\ drive from a desktop computer in your office (staff) or from a classroom PC (students).

Off campus, you can access your H:\ drive via the **Virtual Private Network (VPN)**. A guide to using the VPN is available online at [www.abdn.ac.uk/toolkit/documents/uploads/remote\\_vpn.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/toolkit/documents/uploads/remote_vpn.pdf).

## **Help and advice**

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