Halsbury’s Laws Direct

COVERAGE


Its stated aim is to cover every proposition of English law, whether from statute, case law, or Europe. The work is arranged in an alphabetical title scheme of over 160 titles, from Administrative Law to Wills and it includes a comprehensive updating service.

Halsbury’s Laws Direct also contains three new books:

- **Halsbury’s Statutes Citator** provides a quick and easy-to-use guide to the current status of statutes. It is divided into two parts: Part 1 contains an alphabetical list of statutes and Part 2 shows their current status.

- **Halsbury’s Statutory Instrument Citator** provides a quick and easy-to-use guide to the current status of statutory instruments. It contains two distinct parts: Part 1 is the Alphabetical List and Part 2 the Current Status. If the statutory instrument serial number is known, the user may refer directly to Current Status for details of any changes to the instrument. If only the title of the instrument is known, the user will be able to find out its serial number by referring to the alphabetical list.

- **Is It In Force?** contains the information you need to establish the exact commencement dates of Acts of general application in England, Wales and Scotland and General Synod Measures passed in the last 25 years.

ACCESS

Go to the Electronic Information Services page and select Halsbury’s Law Direct from the list.

Enter your Athens username and password. Select Halsbury’s Laws Direct from the menu. Select the particular database to be searched from the links on the main page, or using the orange toolbar at the top to the page.

Searching

There are several levels of search.

**Search All**

You can search through all sections of the database by typing a keyword or series of keywords in the search box and selecting “Search All”

It is recommended that this search should use simple search strings joined by using AND OR or NOT.

**Subject Search**

Use this to search for key phrases through the various categories of Halsbury’s Laws, with the option to limit your search to a particular database or section. e.g. searching for the topic of criminal intent, limiting the search to the Criminal Law, Evidence section.
**Eureka!**
This search is best used when you are unsure of what search criteria to use and can only express the subject matter in the form of a question. This search allows you to ask a specific question in natural language, rather than using any terminology. For example, "what are the licensing laws in France?" or "do I require a license to carry dangerous goods?" would be perfectly acceptable.
One of the benefits of the Eureka! search is that you can query the whole of the library by asking a question. When the results are returned they are ranked in accordance to their relevance, displayed in a percentage format. The location of each match is followed with a link to that text.

**Navigator searching**
If you need to access the current status of a particular Statute, or Statutory Instrument and you know some or all of the title, any details of the year, series or chapter number, then the Navigator search best suit your needs. By entering full or partial details, the Navigator will take you directly to the status of the enactment, or, if the details you enter are not sufficiently specific, will offer a list of possible matches from which to choose.

**RESULTS**
A list of results will appear with the number of hits displayed for each section. Choose the relevant section by clicking on the underlined title.

**MARKING**
It is not possible to tag or mark items, except through the print management link.

**DOWNLOADING RESULTS**
Click on 'print manager' at the top of the text frame, next to the 'next item' icon.
The Print Management window will list all the relevant printable sections from your current location. You may select all or particular sections to print.
Once the required items have been chosen, click **Add to print list**.
The print management window will show the added item.
Click remove to remove items from the print list.
Click clear print list to remove all entries.
If desired you may print the item immediately by clicking the **print now** link, or continue to search and add items, printing everything at the end of the session.

**HELP**
There is help on the left hand side of the main page under **User Guide**, and within each database search/results screen, under **Help**.

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