

Passwords

Athens Username and Password

You will need an **Athens** username and password to access many of the library's full text journals and databases. You can look up your Athens details on the **StudentWeb** at <http://studentweb.ulster.ac.uk> (you will need your student ID and PIN to access the StudentWeb).

Password guide

You can find out more about passwords at http://library.ulster.ac.uk/electronic/passwd_faq. Contact the Social Sciences librarians if you have problems accessing databases or any other library services.

Renewal and Information Line (028) 9036 8530

Use the automated telephone service to renew books and check Learning Resource Centre opening hours.

Guide to UU Law Resources

<http://library.ulster.ac.uk/soc/law>

These web pages will help you find law resources in UU libraries. You can use them to access detailed information on finding law journal articles, finding law cases and finding legislation. There is also a comprehensive guide to law internet resources.

Law enquiries

Don't forget to ask for help from the Subject Librarians if you can't find the legislation you need. Their contact details are on the front of this guide. Alternatively you can contact the Social Sciences subject team using the online enquiry form at <http://talis.ulst.ac.uk/enq.htm>.

Remember

Legal information can be difficult to trace – ask for help from library staff

Finding Legislation

Quick guide to library resources in the University of Ulster

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This checklist outlines some of the resources available to help you find legislation. However if you have problems finding a particular piece of legislation please contact one of the Social Science librarians below.

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Primary legislation (Acts, Statutes)

Primary legislation affecting Northern Ireland may come from many sources:

UK Statutes (Acts of Parliament at Westminster)

eg Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 c. 13

NI Statutes

Acts of the Northern Ireland Parliament

eg Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 c. 14

Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

eg Budget Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 c.3

NI Orders in Council (made under direct rule arrangements)

eg Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 S.I. No. 764 (N.I. 8)

EC legislation

eg Treaties, Directives, Regulations

Search tip

Sometimes a useful way of telling whether an Act was passed at Westminster or Northern Ireland is by the position of the words "Northern Ireland" in the title. Generally if "Northern Ireland" comes before "Act" then the Act was passed in Westminster; if "Northern Ireland" comes after "Act" it was passed by the NI Parliament or the NI Assembly.

Secondary legislation

Secondary legislation (also called delegated or subordinate legislation) provides detail not included in the primary legislation. Both the UK and NI have their own sources of secondary legislation. They are:

UK Statutory Instruments (SIs)

Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland (SRs)

Print Resources

The University libraries subscribe to a wide range of print resources. Use the library catalogue at <http://library.ulster.ac.uk/catalogue> to find the resources available on your campus. Print resources include:

UK Statutes

Public General Acts – Great Britain

Halsbury's Statutes of England and Wales

Current Law Statutes Annotated

NI Statutes

Northern Ireland Statutes



Statutes Revised Northern Ireland 2nd ed


EC legislation

Official Journal of the European Union

Electronic Information Services




<http://library.ulster.ac.uk/electronic/>

 off-campus access.  full text database.




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Recommended databases for legislation

[LexisNexis](#)

Use **LexisNexis Professional** to access the full text of UK Statutes, UK SIs, EU legislation and legislation from other countries.   




[Westlaw UK](#)

Use to access UK Statutes and UK SIs currently in force, EU legislation and US legislation.   

[Legislation Direct](#)

Full amended text of current UK Statutes and UK SIs.   




[UK Statutes and UK Statutory Instruments \(Justis\)](#)

Use to access the full text of UK statutes as originally enacted with amendments; UK SIs from 1949 onwards are also available.   

[CELEX](#)

The official EU legal database which includes treaties, directives etc   

[Halsbury's Laws Direct](#)

Major legal encyclopaedia; use to find legislation in force in a particular subject area.   

Search tip

Northern Ireland Statutes - database coverage of NI legislation is limited.

The free internet resources below are often a more useful source of NI legislation.

More databases – this is a selection of some of the best databases to use to find legislation. For a complete list of UU databases go to

<http://library.ulster.ac.uk/electronic/>

Useful websites for legislation

OPSI - HMSO online (UK and NI legislation)

http://www.legislation.hms.gov.uk/legislation/about_legislation.htm

Irish Statute Book 1922-2003

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/front.html>

Europa (official website of the European Union)

<http://europa.eu.int>

UU Guide to Internet Resources

<http://www.ulster.ac.uk/library/soc/legallegislation.htm>