

## Searching for legislation via Lexis Library

The easiest way to search for legislation is by the names of the Act or Statutory Instrument  
(e.g. Homelessness Act 2002, The Dacorum Primary Care Trust (Establishment) Order 2001 )

You can also search for legislation on particular areas of law  
(e.g. employment rights, discrimination)

**The best way to search for cases** is to use the *Legislation Search* facility on Westlaw or Lexis Library. These will give you the full text of all Acts and SIs in force, including any amendments.

### Why not just use Google?

No guarantee that what you are reading is the version of the statute in force at a particular point in time. You may need to know the exact wording of a key section at the date a crime was committed or came to court, or the version in force today.

### Searching via Lexis Library

From the library catalogue select Online resources, then search for Lexis-Nexis. Click on the link in the red box to log into Lexis Library . You will then be asked for your London Met username and password.

Once you submit these, the Lexis Library Welcome page should appear.

### Searching for a statute by title

If you are searching for a particular statute and you know its title, use the red *Legislation search* tab at the top of the Lexis Library Welcome screen. Type the name of the act in the Title box.

This will search for the original act and also any subsequent legislation amending or modifying it. When they are listed, the most recent will be normally appear first.

To separate Acts, S.I.s and other material, in the left Result Groups column click on Publication Type, then on Legislation.

When you click on an Act it will appear onscreen, broken down in to Preamble and Sections. You will also see a "Find out more" box giving links to other related information such as "Is it in force".

### Printing and saving your search results

You can print, save or email your search results to yourself using the icons at the top right of the text.

**If you are not sure of the exact title**, or if you want to retrieve all legislation on a topic or if you could not find the act by doing a Title search, use the Search terms box. See the Search tips for ways to link terms and make your search more precise. This will search for any legislation related to your search terms - there may be quite a lot.

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