



# IALS Quick Guide – Find Foreign Law collections in print with FLAG



**FLAG** has always been intended as a foundation upon which a national strategy for the acquisition and retention of foreign, international and comparative primary law materials would be built. In a time of reduced budgets it provides an important tool to identify gaps and overlaps in coverage aiding informed decisions on cancellation or rationalisation of resource provision.



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## Library details

A Library search form is available to look up comprehensive contact information for each of the libraries featured in the FLAG database. You can also find libraries by town, region or UK country.



Each library record provides details of that library's current location, postal address, contact telephone numbers, email address, website and social media presence such as Facebook and Twitter.



You can find more information about FCIL collections in a particular library by using the advanced search option in FLAG.

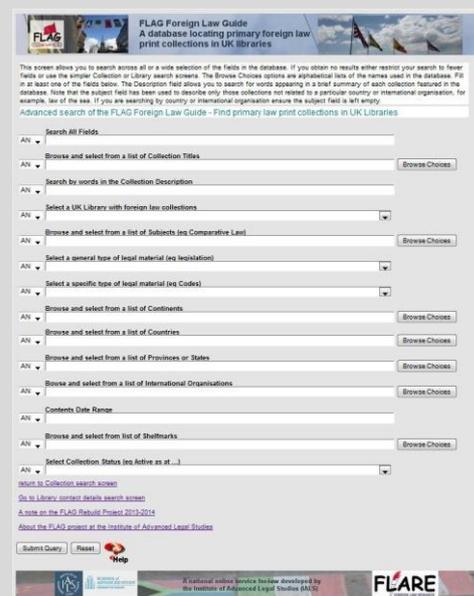


## Advanced search

Through an advanced search form you can search across all or a wide selection of the fields in the database - for example the Description field allows you to search for words appearing in a brief summary of each collection featured in the database.

A subject field has been used to describe only those collections not related to a particular country or international – for example law of the sea

More complex searching including Boolean strategies (and, or, but) is also supported.



Advanced search lets you go deeper to find collection descriptions of the individual constituent elements of legal literature in a given jurisdiction – codes, statutes, session laws, court reports, indexes, citators, digests, and encyclopedias.

Click on a Browse Choices button to display a dialog that shows words you can search for. This eliminates trial-and-error searching and makes searching easier.