

## A QUICK-REFERENCE COMPARISON OF LEXIS®LIBRARY AND WESTLAW

Based on IALS Library's subscriptions

	<b>Lexis®Library</b>	<b>Westlaw</b>
<b>Background</b>	Owned by RELX Group	Owned by Thomson Reuters
<b>Coverage</b>		
<i>UK legislation</i>	Legislation as amended	Legislation as amended
<i>UK cases</i>	About 50 UK law reports, including <i>The Law Reports</i>  <i>Case Overview</i> : case status, parallel citations, summaries, links to commentary  Transcripts 1980 onwards	About 50 UK law reports, including <i>The Law Reports</i>  <i>Case Analysis</i> : case status, parallel citations, summaries, links to commentary  Transcripts 1967 onwards
<i>UK books and encyclopedias</i>	Over 40 books / encyclopedias, incl. <i>Halsbury's Laws of England and Bennion on Statutory Interpretation</i>	Over 300 books / encyclopedias, incl. <i>Chitty on Contracts</i> and <i>Palmer's Company Law</i>
<i>UK journals (+)</i>	Over 120 full-text series, main focus UK, European & international law  <i>Journals Index</i> (1995 - ) covers more than 500 journals, newsletters and blogs; includes abstracts.	115 full-text series, main focus UK, European & international law  <i>Legal Journals Index</i> (1986 - ) covers more than 1000 journals and newsletters; includes abstracts.
<i>European Union</i>	EU legislation, cases, international agreements, COM docs, OJ C and other EU official publications.  <i>Halsbury's EU Legislation Implementator</i> , <i>All England Law Reports (European Cases)</i> and other commercial publications	EU legislation, cases, international agreements, COM docs, OJ C, and other EU official publications.  <i>Common Market Law Reports</i> , <i>European Law Review</i> and other commercial publications
<i>United States</i>	Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state  Over 850 journals; about 200 books	Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state  Over 1000 journals; over 2,500 books
<i>International law</i>	ASIL's <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol. 1 - )  Treaties  Cases; arbitral awards from WTO/GATT and NAFTA.  About 120 int'l law journals (UK Journals tab + International Content platform)	ASIL's <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol.19 - )  Treaties  Cases; arbitral awards from WTO/GATT, NAFTA, ICSID, ICC, etc.  About 150 int'l law journals (UK Journals page + <i>World Journals</i> on International Materials platform)

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<b>Searching</b>		
<i>Connectors</i>	<b>and</b> to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> <b>or</b> for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> <b>and not</b> to exclude: <i>taxation and not income</i>  <b>w/5</b> = within 5 words of: <i>tax w/5 gifts</i> <b>w/s</b> = within the same sentence as <b>w/p</b> = within the same paragraph as	<b>and</b> to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> <b>or</b> for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> <b>not</b> to exclude: <i>taxation not income</i>  <b>/5</b> = within 5 words of: <i>tax /5 gifts</i> <b>/s</b> = within the same sentence as <b>/p</b> = within the same paragraph as  If no connector used, e.g. <i>arbitration evidence</i> :-  WL UK automatically inserts ' <b>and</b> ' ( <i>arbitration and evidence</i> )  WL International Materials inserts ' <b>or</b> ' ( <i>arbitration or evidence</i> )
<i>Truncation</i>	<i>acqui!</i> finds acquire, acquires, acquired, acquiring, acquisition, etc.	<i>acqui!</i> finds acquire, acquires, acquired, acquiring, acquisition, etc.
<i>Phrases</i>	Use double quotation marks to find a phrase, e.g. " <i>corporate governance</i> "  (Most Lexis search facilities also find phrases entered without quotation marks; the exception is Search Lexis Library.)	Use double quotation marks to find a phrase, e.g. " <i>corporate governance</i> "
<i>Access</i>	Onsite access for all academic members of IALS Library; offsite access for IALS staff and students.	Onsite access for all academic members of IALS Library; offsite access for IALS staff and students..
<i>This table is intended to give a broad overview; it does not list all available material.</i>		