

A QUICK-REFERENCE COMPARISON OF LEXIS+® AND WESTLAW

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Background	Owned by RELX Group	Owned by Thomson Reuters
Coverage		
<i>UK legislation</i>	Primary and secondary legislation as amended	Primary and secondary legislation as amended
<i>UK cases</i>	About 50 UK law reports, including <i>The Law Reports & All England 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> and <i>European Human Rights Reports</i> <i>Case Analysis</i> : case status, parallel citations, summaries, links to commentary Transcripts 1967 onwards
<i>UK books and encyclopedias</i>	5 books / encyclopedias, incl. <i>Halsbury's Laws of England</i> and <i>Bennion on Statutory Interpretation</i>	386 books / encyclopedias, incl. <i>Chitty on Contracts</i> and <i>Palmer's Company Law</i>
<i>UK journals (+)</i>	121 full-text series, main focus UK, European & international law Abstracts from about 150 journals & newsletters, 1995 – (<i>Journals Index</i>)	115 full-text series, main focus UK, European & international law Abstracts from over 800 journals & newsletters, 1986 – (<i>Legal Jnl. Index</i>).
<i>European Union</i>	Cases; retained/archived secondary legislation. <i>All England Law Reports (European Cases)</i> , <i>European Procurement and Public Private Partnership Law Review</i> and other commercial publications	Cases, legislation (all types), 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 280 books	Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state Over 1,000 journals; over 2,500 books
<i>International law</i>	ASIL's <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol. 1 onwards) Treaties International cases; arbitral awards from WTO/GATT and NAFTA. Over 110 international law journals (Content tab and International tab)	ASIL's <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol. 19 onwards) Treaties International cases; arbitral awards from WTO/GATT, NAFTA, ICSID, ICC, etc. Over 140 international law journals (WL UK Journals + WL International Materials <i>International Law Reviews & Journals</i>)

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Searching		
<i>Boolean connectors</i>	and to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> or for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> and not to exclude: <i>taxation and not income</i>	and to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> or for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> * but not to exclude: <i>taxation but not income</i> If no connector used, e.g. <i>oil gas</i> : - WL UK automatically inserts ' and '; - WL Int'l Materials inserts ' or ' (except in Advanced Search)
<i>Proximity connectors</i>	/5 = within 5 words of: <i>tax /5 gifts</i> /s = within the same sentence as /p = within the same paragraph as	/5 = within 5 words of: <i>tax /5 gifts</i> /s = within the same sentence as /p = within the same paragraph as
<i>Truncation</i>	acqui! finds acquire, acquires, acquired, acquiring, acquisition, etc.	acqui! finds acquire, acquires, acquired, acquiring, acquisition, etc.
<i>Phrases</i>	Double quotation marks to find a phrase, e.g. " <i>corporate governance</i> "	Double quotation marks to find a phrase, e.g. " <i>corporate governance</i> " * On WL International, most "and" and "or" searches are expanded by the <i>WestSearch</i> algorithm to add similar terms to those entered (more info: https://tinyurl.com/7k6x8z75). To avoid <i>WestSearch</i> , use Advanced Search.
<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 cover all available material.</i>		