

A QUICK-REFERENCE COMPARISON OF LEXIS®LIBRARY AND WESTLAW

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Background	Owned by RELX Group	Owned by Thomson Reuters
Coverage		
<i>UK legislation</i>	Legislation as amended	Legislation as amended
<i>UK cases</i>	About 60 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 100 books / encyclopedias, incl. <i>Halsbury's Laws of England and Bennion on Statutory Interpretation</i>	Over 350 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, 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, European Law Review</i> and other commercial publications
<i>United States</i>	Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state About 750 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 page + 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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Searching		
<i>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> w/5 = within 5 words of: <i>tax w/5 gifts</i> w/s = within the same sentence as w/p = within the same paragraph as	and to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> or for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> not to exclude: <i>taxation not income</i> /5 = within 5 words of: <i>tax /5 gifts</i> /s = within the same sentence as /p = within the same paragraph as If no connector used, e.g. <i>arbitration evidence</i> :- WL UK automatically inserts ' and ' (<i>arbitration and evidence</i>) WL International Materials inserts ' or ' (<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..
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