

A QUICK-REFERENCE COMPARISON OF LEXIS®LIBRARY AND WESTLAW

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	Lexis®Library	Westlaw
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</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>	65 books / encyclopedias, incl. <i>Halsbury's Laws of England</i> and <i>Bennion on Statutory Interpretation</i>	379 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 -): abstracts from about 150 journals and newsletters.	115 full-text series, main focus UK, European & international law <i>Legal Journals Index</i> (1986 -): abstracts from over 800 journals and newsletters.
<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 About 750 journals; about 200 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. About 120 int'l law journals (main Lexis Journals tab + International Content platform)	ASIL's <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol.19 onwards) Treaties International cases; arbitral awards from WTO/GATT, NAFTA, ICSID, ICC, etc. About 140 int'l law journals (WL UK Journals page + <i>World Journals</i> on International Materials platform)

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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>	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	/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>	<i>acqui!</i> finds acquire, acquires, acquired, acquiring, acquisition, etc.	<i>acqui!</i> finds acquire, acquires, acquired, acquiring, acquisition, etc.
<i>Phrases</i>	Double quotation marks to find a phrase, e.g. " <i>corporate governance</i> " Most Lexis search facilities also find phrases without quotation marks: the exception is <i>Search Lexis Library</i> , the one-box search facility at the top of the Lexis®Library home page.	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>		