

A QUICK-REFERENCE COMPARISON OF LEXIS+® AND WESTLAW

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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, incl. <i>The Law Reports</i> and <i>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 (a broadly different set to Lexis'), incl. <i>The Law Reports</i> and <i>Commercial Law Cases</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, including <i>Bennion on Statutory Interpretation</i> and <i>Halsbury's Laws of England</i>	351 books / encyclopedias, including <i>Chitty on Contracts</i> and <i>Palmer's Company Law</i>
<i>Journals</i>	120 full-text journals; main focus UK, European and international law Abstracts from journals & newsletters, 1995 onwards. 500 titles used to be abstracted, now only a handful are.	118 full-text journals (different ones from Lexis); main focus UK, European and international law Abstracts from journals & newsletters, 1986 onwards. Over 800 titles used to be abstracted, now about 215 are.
<i>European Union</i>	Cases; retained & archived secondary legislation (no current EU legislation). <i>All England Law Reports (European Cases)</i> and other commercial titles.	Cases, legislation, international agreements, COM docs, OJ C, other EU official publications and retained EU legislation <i>Common Market Law Reports</i> , <i>European Law Review</i> and other commercial titles.
<i>United States</i>	Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state Over 880 journals; over 280 books	Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state Over 1,000 journals; over 2,400 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 120 international law journals (Content tab; International tab; US Secondary material – Law Reviews & Journals)	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, <i>Journals</i> ; 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 Westlaw International, most searches with "and" and "or" connectors are expanded by the <i>WestSearch</i> algorithm to add similar terms to those entered. Use Advanced Search to avoid this.
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<i>This table is intended to give a broad overview; it does not cover all available material.</i>		