



WESTLAW UK LEGISLATION Quick Reference Guide



COVERAGE

- Full text of UK Public General Acts 1267 onwards including pre- and post- devolution Scottish legislation (in force as at 1991)
- Full text of Statutory Instruments 1948 onwards
- Local Acts - all Local Acts 1991 onwards; selected Local Acts 1900-1990
- UK Bills 2015 onwards
- Policy and guidance documents including codes of practice, circulars, Command Papers and other official publications

METHODS OF SEARCHING

Home Page

Type the title of the legislation you require in the search box. Tick Legislation from the drop down Options and click search.

Terms and connectors can be viewed via the information icon within the search box.

The screenshot shows the Thomson Reuters Westlaw Edge UK search interface. The search box contains the text "data protection act 2018 c.12". To the right of the search box is an information icon (i) and a dropdown menu labeled "All content". Two blue arrows point to the information icon and the "All content" dropdown. Below the search box, a "Natural language" toggle is visible. A dropdown menu is open, showing "No items selected" and a list of content types and topics. The "Content Types" list includes "Cases", "Legislation" (checked), "Journals", "Overviews", and "Current Awareness". The "Topics" list includes "Commercial", "Companies and partnerships", "Contract", "Crime", "Data and communications", "Employment and work", "Environment", "International", "Land", "Legal system", "Litigation and dispute resolution", "Local government", and "Personal injury".

Content Types	Topics
<input type="checkbox"/> Cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Companies and partnerships
<input type="checkbox"/> Journals	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Overviews	<input type="checkbox"/> Crime
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Data and communications
	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment and work
	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment
	<input type="checkbox"/> International
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal system
	<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation and dispute resolution
	<input type="checkbox"/> Local government
	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury

Legislation on the Toolbar

Click **Legislation** on the top toolbar to search or browse across all legislation and guidance materials.

There are seven sections:

- Legislation Search - for searching for legislation
- Primary & Secondary Legislation - for browsing and searching legislation in force from Westminster and Devolved Parliaments
- Retained EU Legislation - for browsing and searching
- Bills & Drafts - for browsing and searching content from Devolved Parliaments and Brexit content
- Policy & Guidance materials - for browsing and searching Codes of Practice, Consultations and HMRC Manuals
- Latest Legislation - to view very recent legislation
- Key Legal Concepts - an A-Z list of key concepts in law

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Edge UK interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Thomson Reuters logo and the text 'WESTLAW EDGE UK'. To the right of the logo are several menu items: 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', and 'Index of Legal Terms'. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb 'Home > Legislation Search' is visible. The main heading is 'Legislation Search', with a 'Copy link' button to its left and a 'Show Terms and Connectors' link to its right. Below the heading, there are three tabs: 'Primary & Secondary Legislation' (which is selected and underlined), 'Bills & Draft Legislation', and 'Policy & Guidance'. The search form contains three input fields: 'Title' (a text box), 'Provision Number' (a dropdown menu set to 'Any' followed by a text box), and 'Free Text' (a text box). At the bottom of the form, there is a yellow 'More options' button and a blue 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon.

Legislation Search

Here you can search for the Primary and Secondary Legislation, Bills & Draft Legislation as well as Policy & Guidance documents.

Within Legislation Home, type in the title of the material you need. You can specify a part or section via the Provision Number drop down menu. There is also a Free Text option.

Use **More options** to expand the search fields to include options such as Statutory Definition, Jurisdiction and Point in Time/Historic Law and Prospective Law.

Primary & Secondary Legislation

Use this option to **browse** through legislation content.

You can browse by jurisdiction then by year or title.

Cases ▾ Legislation ▾ Journals ▾ Current Awareness ▾ Index of Legal Terms EU Westlaw Books

Home > Primary & Secondary Legislation > Public & General Acts

Public & General Acts

[Copy link](#)

Year	Title								
1200-1699	1700-1799	1800-1899	1900-1999	2000-2009	2010-2019	2020-2020			
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009

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[Appropriation Act 2008 c. 3](#)

[Appropriation \(No. 2\) Act 2008 c. 8](#)

Bills & Drafts - here you can **browse** by Jurisdiction and then by Session or Title.

Policy & Guidance - here you can **browse** by Jurisdiction and then type of document; then by Title or Year.

VIEWING LEGISLATION

If you search using the title of an Act/SI a link is displayed that takes you to an arrangement of Act/SI in the centre of the screen. From here you can click on any individual section to view.

NB next to the link to the legislation there will be a PDF of the full document.

On the left is a **Table of Contents** relating to the whole piece of legislation which may display the following information:

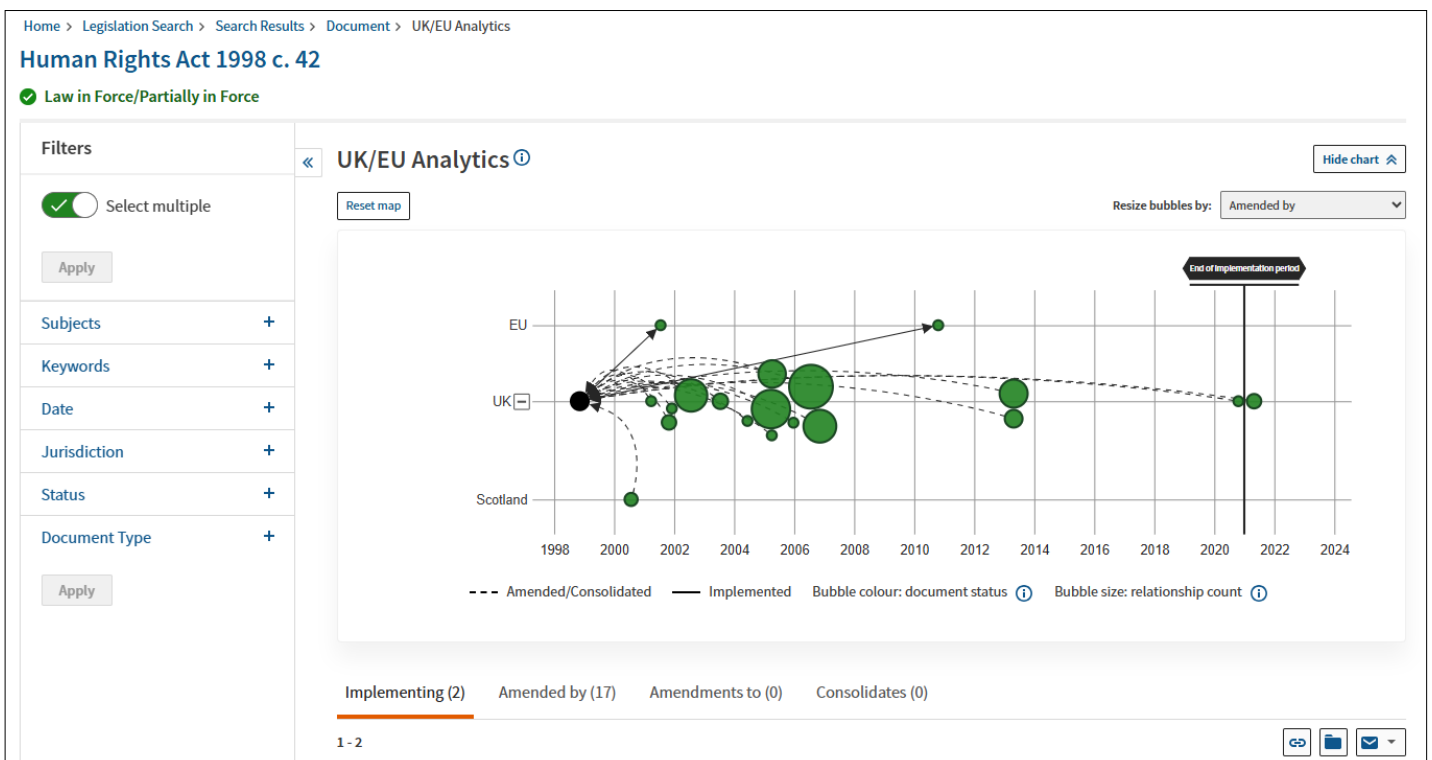
Act/SI Details - has information on prospective law; proposed draft amendments; commencement; EU law implemented; modifications; definitions; SIs made under the Act.

Primary References - includes all legislation citing the Act/SI.

Commentary References - includes references to journal articles and books that comment on the legislation as a whole; topic overviews.

Practical Law References - links to practice notes and standard documents on Practical Law that refer to the legislation.

Legislation Analytics - graphical view of a legislation document's relationships.



Viewing Sections of Acts/SIs

If you view a section of the Act/SI, on the left of the screen there will be a **Table of Contents** for each section which may display the following information specific to the section you are viewing:

Provision - the text of the Section and Notes detailing any modifications to the text.

Provision Details - this includes a Table of Amendments, Commencement, details on Extent and SIs Made under the Act.

Primary References - lists legislation citing and cases citing the section of the Act/SI.

Commentary References - includes references to journal articles and books that comment on the legislation; topic overviews.

Practical Law References - links to practice notes and standard documents on Practical Law that refer to the section of the Act/SI.

Legislation Analytics - graphical view of a legislation document's relationships.

(NB Inner Temple Library does not subscribe to Statutory Annotations.)

The screenshot displays the following elements:

- Table of Contents (Left Sidebar):** Includes links for Provision, Text, Statutory Annotations, Provision Details, Primary References, Commentary References, Practical Law References, Legislation Analytics, and UK/EU Analytics.
- Main Content:** Titled "Human Rights Act 1998 c. 42 s. 10 Power to take remedial action." It contains the text of section 10 and its subsections (1), (a), (i), (ii), (iii), and (b).
- Right Sidebar:** Features a green checkmark icon, "Law In Force" status, "Version 1 of 1" (2 October 2000 - Present), "Subjects" (Human rights), and "Keywords" (Amendments; Declarations of incompatibility; Human rights; Interpretation; Legislation; Ministers' powers and duties).

On the right of the screen there is a tramline showing different versions of the section.

Human Rights Act 1998 c. 42

s. 7 Proceedings.

7.— Proceedings.

(1) A person who claims that a public authority has acted (or proposes to act) in a way which is made unlawful by section 6(1) may—

(a) bring proceedings against the authority under this Act in the appropriate court or tribunal, or

(b) rely on the Convention right or rights concerned in any legal proceedings, but only if he is (or would be) a victim of the unlawful act.

(2) In subsection (1)(a) “*appropriate court or tribunal*” means such court or tribunal as may be determined in accordance with rules; and proceedings against an authority include a counterclaim or similar proceeding.

(3) If the proceedings are brought on an application for judicial review, the applicant is to be taken to have a sufficient interest in relation to the unlawful act only if he is, or would be, a victim of that act.

(4) If the proceedings are made by way of a petition for judicial review in Scotland, the applicant shall be taken to have title and interest to sue in relation to the unlawful act only if he is, or would be, a victim of that act.

(5) Proceedings under subsection (1)(a) must be brought before the end of—
(a) the period of one year beginning with the date on which the act complained of took place; or

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Law In Force

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Compare versions



Version 3

To: Present

From: 12 January 2006



Version 2

To: 11 January 2006

From: 19 August 2003



Version 1

To: 18 August 2003

From: 2 October 2000

Subjects

Human rights

Keywords

Human rights; Ministers' powers and duties; Proceedings; Public authorities

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Note the Compare versions button on the tramline. By clicking this you can see the different versions side by side or see the differences in one single page.

FINDING HISTORIC VERSIONS OF LEGISLATION

Use the search box at **Legislation Search**.

Type in the title of the legislation and click on **More Options**. From there you can select various options for different time periods.

Title	<input type="text"/>
Provision Number	<input type="text" value="Any"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Free Text	<input type="text"/>
Subject/Keyword	<input type="text"/>
Statutory Definition	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="?"/>
Jurisdiction	<input type="text" value="All Jurisdictions"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Version	<input type="button" value="Status"/> <input type="button" value="Since"/> <input type="button" value="Point in Time"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Today
	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Law
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective Law
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Also include legislation only available as originally enacted















EDITING SEARCHES

If you retrieve too many hits, there are filters that can be used to reduce the number of hits. These filters may include Date, Topic, Jurisdiction, Status and Document Type.

Topic		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial		6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crime		24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data and communications		2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment and work		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equality and human rights		4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance		1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and social welfare		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International		8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land		7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government		5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public and constitutional law		1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social regulation		85
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transport and shipping		18
<input type="checkbox"/> Unclassified		31

Date	
All	
Last 6 months	
Last 12 months	
Last 3 years	
Date range	
From	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>
To	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>

Jurisdiction		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK		97
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		1

<input type="checkbox"/> > 2. Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 asp 9 (Scottish Act) 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 3. Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Act 2002 c. 37 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 4. Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 c. 1 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 5. Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 c. 11 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 6. Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 c. 53 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 7. Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 c. 20 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 8. Breeding of Dogs Act 1991 c. 64 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 9. Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 c. 65 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 10. Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 c. 30 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 11. Guard Dogs Act 1975 c. 50 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 12. Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 c. 60 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 13. Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 c. 28 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 14. Dogs (Amendment) Act 1928 c. 21 
<input type="checkbox"/> > 15. Dogs Act 1906 c. 32 

PRINTING

Select the legislation you require. Delivery icons are on the right of the screen. Click on **Print**.

You will be shown a print dialogue box. Click on **Print**.

Printing can be collected at the Enquiry Point and costs 10 pence per page.

EMAILING

Select the legislation you require. Delivery icons are on the right of the screen. Click on **Email**. There are 2 options (Basic and Advanced).

Select the option you need and fill in any details. Click **Email**.

