



## Studying law at uni?

The State Library of NSW has many resources to help you with your university legal studies. The Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) has specialist staff to assist you with your research.

### **Online databases**

Databases to search for legal information include:

For journal articles:     **AGIS Plus** (Informit) – indexed articles with many in full text  
                                  **LexisNexis** – select journals from tabs on search page  
                                  **CINCH** (Informit) – indexed only  
                                  **Index to Legal Periodicals Full Text**  
                                  **Social Sciences Full Text** (Wilson)

For cases:                 **Casebase** (LexisNexis) - a citator and annotator providing links to many cases in full text  
                                  **FirstPoint** (LawbookOnline) – a case research tool

For practice, procedure and legislation:     **Ritchie's Uniform Civil Procedure** (LexisNexis)  
                                  **College of Law Practice Papers** (LexisNexis)  
                                  **Halsbury's Laws of Australia** (LexisNexis)  
                                  **Australian Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents** (LexisNexis)

By subject area:         **Employment Law Guide** (CCH)  
                                  **Family Law Guide** (CCH)  
                                  **LegendCom** - Dept of Immigration's database of migration legislation, procedures etc  
                                  **Local Government Planning and Environment NSW** (LexisNexis)  
                                  **Torts Law Library** (via CCH)  
                                  **Wills Probate and Administration NSW** (LexisNexis)

**Book at the Information Desk for access to these databases.** You will need to register for a Readers Card to use the databases.

### **Loose-leaf services**

The State Library maintains and regularly updates loose-leaf services in most areas of the law. They are located in the Reference section on LG1 between numbers REF345 and 349

Examples include:

**Halsbury's Laws of Australia** - REF/N349.94/55  
**Australian Torts Reporter** - REF/N346.9403/6  
**Australian Corporation Law** - REF/N346.9406602/23  
**Australian Trade Practices Reporter** - REF/N347.9408/8  
**Criminal Practice and Procedure** - REF/NQ345.94405/7  
**NSW Solicitor's Manual** - REF/NQ349.944/4

## Search the Library's catalogue

Search the Library's catalogue for further texts and resources. The catalogue can be accessed from the homepage of the Library's website and on all PCs in the Library.

The image shows a search interface with a blue header bar containing the text 'Search our collections >'. Below this is a white search input field. Underneath the input field is a dropdown menu currently showing 'Catalogue' and a 'Go' button to its right. At the bottom of the interface is a blue bar with the text 'Go to other search options >'.

## Textbooks

The Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) in the Reading Room has a selection of legal textbooks. You can also browse the Open Access area on LG2 at numbers 340 - 349 for more text books. Some commonly asked for areas of law are found at the following numbers:

Administrative law 342	Equity 346	Native title 346
Business law 346	Evidence 347	Property law 346
Criminal law 345	Labour law 344 and 349	Torts 346

## Primary legal resources

	NSW	Commonwealth	Other jurisdictions
<b>Acts</b>	As made from 1824 to present, and current reprints at LG1 Reference shelves REF/N348.944022/2 In force and point-in-time at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>	Last 10 years as made and current reprints at LG1 Reference shelves REF/N348.94022/8 In force legislation at <a href="http://www.austlii.edu.au">www.austlii.edu.au</a> and <a href="http://www.comlaw.gov.au">www.comlaw.gov.au</a>	For links to other states' legislation see LIAC website <a href="http://www.liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/legislation">www.liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/legislation</a>
<b>Rules and regulations</b>	As made and current reprints at LG1 Reference shelves REF/N348.944022/3 In force and point-in-time at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>	Last 10 years on LG1 Reference shelves REF/N348.94022/9 Also at <a href="http://www.austlii.edu.au">www.austlii.edu.au</a> and <a href="http://www.comlaw.gov.au">www.comlaw.gov.au</a>	
<b>Bills and Explanatory Notes/Memoranda</b>	Last 10 years at <a href="http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au">www.parliament.nsw.gov.au</a> Older bills and ENs in stack at NQ348.94401/1 LIAC has recent printed issues.	Recent bills at <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au">www.aph.gov.au</a> For earlier years order from stack at NQ346.94/5	
<b>Hansard Parliamentary debates</b>	Last 10 years <a href="http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au">www.parliament.nsw.gov.au</a> or in print at LG1 Reference shelves at REF/N328.94401 Earlier years in Mitchell Library or ask in LIAC	Last 10 years at <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au">www.aph.gov.au</a> or in print at LG1 Reference shelves REF/N328.9402/1 Earlier years ask in LIAC	
<b>Case law</b>	<a href="http://www.austlii.edu.au">www.austlii.edu.au</a> for cases in recent years. Citations for older cases can be found on CaseBase (see online databases)	<a href="http://www.austlii.edu.au">www.austlii.edu.au</a> for cases in recent years, and High Court cases from 1903. Citations for older cases can be found on CaseBase (see online databases)	

The State Library has an extensive collection of historical legislation and law reports series. Ask library staff for further information or contact the Legal Information Access Centre on 9273 1558 or [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au).