

How do I find Newspaper articles?

The **News** tab on LexisLibrary offers an option to search across most UK broadsheets and other national newspapers (not the FT, Economist or Lawyer) from the 1980/1990s to current issues. Regional newspapers are also covered.

Go to:

[ELITE > My Library > Databases > LexisLibrary](#)

then click the **News**.

This page includes links on the left of the screen to "How do I...?" help pages.

If you click the Help link on the News banner, half way up the right-hand-side of the screen, this opens up guidelines on how to use the News Search Form. Using this database's structured searching of newspaper content will probably be more efficient than searching separate newspaper websites.

Legal abbreviations

If you are not sure what an abbreviation means (whether it refers to a law report or a legal journal) try looking it up in "Raistrick's Index to Legal Citations and Abbreviations". This book is available in the library or you could use the Cardiff Index of Legal Abbreviations

www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk

Still need help?

Have you seen the i-Guides? We have the following interactive guides, which will help you to use library resources effectively:

1. Before you start
2. Starting Paper Research
3. Starting Online Research
4. Finding and updating cases (paper)
5. Finding and updating cases online
6. Finding and updating legislation (paper)
7. Finding and updating legislation online
8. Researching EU Law

Go to:

[ELITE > My Library > Legal Research Guides > i-Guides](#)

How can I get more help?

Visit the GDL PfP Research page on the Library blog at:



[ELITE > My Library > Library Blogs > York](#)

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How do I find books on a subject?

Check the library's online catalogue. You can search the catalogue by author, title or keyword to find books relevant to your research.



Go to:
[ELITE > My Library > Search Catalogue](#)

How do I identify journal articles on a subject?

The Legal Journals Index database on Westlaw contains abstracts from every substantive legal journal articles. Westlaw UK abstracts and indexes articles from more than 800 journals from the UK and English language European journals.

Go to:
[ELITE > My Library > Databases > Westlaw](#)
then click the Journals link.

From this page you can search or browse abstracts (summaries) and full-text articles. The 'Advanced search' option allows you to search the index by case, legislation, or keyword.

The LexisLibrary database also includes abstracts of journal articles and full-text articles.

Go to:
[ELITE > My Library > Databases > LexisLibrary](#)
then click the Journals tab to go to the Journals search page.

How do I get full-text journal articles?

Some journal articles are available in full-text on the Westlaw or LexisLibrary databases – if they are available, you will see hyperlinks in your search results to go to full-text.

We also hold a wide range of printed journals in the library. You can search the library's online catalogue by journal title to check availability in York's collection – hyperlinks to many full-text journals are included in the records, so you can also see electronic availability from here as well.

What if the book or article I want is not at York?

Come and ask us! Bring details of the book or journal article with you, and we'll try to obtain copies if possible. Please note that we need 10 days' notice for book requests, and 3 days' notice for journal article requests. Please note, if you're trying to get hold of a book or journal article which isn't available within the College's Library resources, you probably don't need it!

Top tip if you have not used it why not give JustCite a try? It is a great legal search engine.

Official papers and Law Commission reports?

[All Command Papers and House of Commons Papers](#), as well as key departmental papers, from **May 2005** are available on the official-documents website:

www.official-documents.gov.uk

[The Official Documents Archive](#) has selected Command Papers (white papers and green papers), House of Commons Papers and other Governmental publications from **1994 – April 2005**:

www.archive.official-documents.co.uk

[Law Commission reports](#) from 1996 onwards are available for download from the Law Commission website:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/lawcommission/publications.htm>

[Law Commission consultation papers](#) from 1996 onwards are available for download from the Law Commission website:

www.lawcom.gov.uk/closed_consultations.htm

[Selected older \(pre-1996\) Law Commission reports & papers](#) are available for download on the BAILII website:

www.bailii.org

The Library also holds print copies of selected Law Commission Reports 1965 - 1998, and Law Commission working papers nos. 1 – 64 in the Journals collection on the ground floor.