UK Legislation

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Two main sources of UK legislation

• Acts of Parliament (primary legislation)

• Statutory Instruments (secondary/subsidiary/delegated legislation)
Statutes & Statutory Instruments

Subscription Databases:
- Westlaw International
- Lexis Advance
- JustisOne

Open access
Bills and Legislation sets out the proposals for new laws, and plans to change existing laws, that are presented for debate before Parliament.

Keep up to date with the progress of current and draft Bills before Parliament; read the full texts of Acts of Parliament, and find out the details of delegated legislation that change laws under existing Acts.

Bills before Parliament

Draft Bills
Parliamentary Debates/Hansards

United Kingdom Parliament: [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pahansard.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pahansard.htm)
- View by date, member, subject
- Historic Hansard from 1803
Print

- **Current Law Legislation Citators**
- **Halsbury’s Statutes of England and Wales: Consolidated Index; including alphabetical and chronological lists of statutes printed in the volumes**
- **Chronological table of the statutes** (1235-to date)
- **Index to the Statutes** (1235-1990)
Reference Tools - Online

Online
- Finding out if acts have been amended/repealed?
  - *Halsbury’s Statutes Citator* – Lexis Singapore
- Commencement date of act
  - *Halsbury’s Is It In Force* – Lexis
- Cases which cite the act
  - Lexis Singapore
  - Westlaw International
Tools to aid interpretation of acts

• Parliamentary reports, bills
• Halsbury’s Statutes of England and Wales
• Halsbury’s Laws of England
• Treatises – e.g. textbooks
• Journal articles
For more info:


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