Lexis Library

What is Lexis Library?
Lexis Library is one of major law databases. Materials you have access to as a student at the University of York include:

- Key reference works including Halsbury’s Laws of England and other Halsbury’s titles;
- Law reports and transcripts, including the Law Reports, the All England Law Reports; the Times Law Reports;
- The consolidated text of legislation back to 13th century;
- Full-text of articles from over 100 law journals and abstracts from over 650 sources including UK and EU titles, international titles and comparative titles.

Accessing Lexis Library
Lexis Library is accessed via the E-Resources Guide.

1. To open the E-resources Guide, go to: http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources
2. When the E-resources Guide has opened select the L tab from the A-Z list at the top of the screen. An alphabetical list of resources is then displayed.
3. Click on Lexis Library. You may be asked to log in with your IT Services username and password. The resource will now open in a new window.

The Interface
Lexis Library groups its content into several different categories. It is possible to search across the entire content of the database for material on a topic of your choice. However, it is beneficial when you know what type of material you are looking for to choose the appropriate category from the menu along the top as this will allow you to run more advanced searches.

Quick Find
Quick Find allows you to perform basic searches across the different sections of Lexis Library. Enter your terms in the relevant field to find legislation, cases, journal articles etc.

For legislation enter the legislation title and year. Select either Act or SI.

For cases enter the party names. Leave the search as the default for subscribed cases to limit your search to full text.

To find a definition enter your word/phrase into the Find a legal term box. This will also bring back links to relevant key cases, legislation and Halsbury’s Laws.

When you search using the Quick Find search options as you start to enter you search terms Lexis Library will bring up a predictive list of possible terms, if the terms you are looking for appear in the list, click on it to perform the search.
My Bookshelf

My Bookshelf allows you to search or browse individual sources e.g. Halsbury’s Laws of England. Scroll down to the source you require and click on ‘Search’ or ‘Browse’. To find out more about any of the titles on the list click on \(\text{①}\).

You can add additional titles to your Bookshelf using the Edit source list option.

Search Lexis and Lexis PSL

This search box allows you to search across the entire content of Lexis Library. This is a useful search function if you are searching for materials on a topic, rather than searching for a known reference.

Search Results

To filter your results by Publication Type click on one of the options from the list e.g. cases.

Search within results to narrow down your search or filter by Source name.

If the item is not available in full text on Lexis Library make a note of the reference to search YorSearch (http://yorsearch.york.ac.uk)

Search Tips

AND combines search terms so that each search result contains all of the terms. For example, copyright and internet finds results that contain both terms.

OR combines search terms so that each search result contains at least one of the terms. For example, crime or deviance finds results that contain either term.

Wildcard (*) use a question mark to replace a single letter anywhere in a word, except the first character. Wildcards are particularly useful for finding variations in spelling, for example behaviour finds results that contain either behaviour or behavior.

Truncation (!) use an asterisk to truncate (shorten) a word and find all the words made by adding letters to the end of it. For example, polic! finds results that contain the terms policy or policies or policed etc.

On-screen help is available by clicking on Help (top right corner).