

Finding Legislation

Use the form below to search within your subscribed legislation sources. This may include sources such as *LawNow Legislation*, *Australian Corporation Law – Legislation*, as well as sources that include legislation such as *Bankruptcy Law and Practice*.

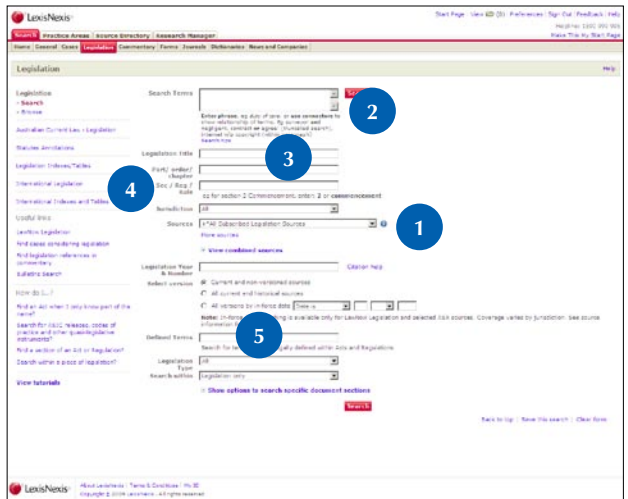
To search for an Act, Regulation or Rule click on the **Legislation tab**, below the red line, on the Toolbar **or** select the search option for the relevant title from your list in **My Sources** on the homepage.



You can select the source(s) that you want to search across by clicking on the dropdown arrow in **Sources (1)**.

Select the **field(s)** which you are going to use in your research. For example:

- **Search Terms (2)** will search across the full text of a legislation source. This option is useful if you want to find legislation that contains certain key words.
- **Legislation Title (3)** will search for the Act or Regulation or Rule by its name, e.g. Corporations Act.
- **Sec/Reg/Rule (4)** will find the section/regulation/rule number and is used in conjunction with Legislation Title.
- **Defined Terms (5)** allows you to find words which have been defined by legislation.



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Search tips:

Remember to put connectors, e.g. **and**, **w/p** or **w/5** between individual words when searching for terms that are not a phrase.

You can enter information in as many, or as few, fields as you wish. The more search options you fill in, the more specific your search will be. For example, to find section 46 of the Trade Practices Act:

- In the box to the right of **Legislation Title** (3) type: *trade practices act*
- In the box to the right of **Sec/Reg/Rule** (4) type: 46



Start your search with broad terms and then use the **Narrow search** option to refine your search. It can be easier to narrow a search than to construct it with all your requirements from the outset – let LexisNexis apply the connectors for you.

If you are unable to find what you're looking for, try the following:

- Be as broad as possible by using fewer of the search options.
- Use the Search Terms field instead of one of the more specific search options.
- Use wildcards to account for misspellings of your search terms – e.g. *johns*on* to account for both Johnson and Johnston.

It is possible to get LexisNexis AU to take a search and run it on a scheduled basis. Refer to the 'Research Manager' sheet for more information.

Focussing on relevant results by using Result Groups

LexisNexis allows you to quickly locate the relevant results by using the **Results Groups** to focus on the results, while keeping the context.

This feature shows you where your search results have come from and allows you to choose publications which are relevant to you.

You can arrange your Result Groups by **Table of Contents** and sort your results by **Relevance**.



Browsing an individual Source

Browsing allows you open the publication by Table of Contents or Index, much like browsing in a book. You can choose this option when selecting any publication from **My Sources** or, when you have clicked on the **Legislation Tab**, toggle from search to browse. With *LawNow* you have a number of additional choices for browsing such as by Keyword in Title and Subject.