

Finding Legislation

Use this form to search your subscribed legislation sources. This may include sources such as *LawNow Legislation*, *Australian Corporation Law – Legislation* and *Federal Statutes Annotations*, as well as sources that include legislation and other content types.

To search for an Act or Regulation or Rule, **click on the Legislation tab**, below the red line, on the Toolbar.



Select the source(s) in which you wish to conduct your search (1).

Now select the field(s) in which you are going to type your query. 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 contain certain key words.
- **Legislation Title (3)** will search for the Act, Regulation or Rule by its name, e.g., Corporations Act.
- **Sec / Reg / Rule (4)** finds the section by its number.
- **Defined Terms (5)** allows you to find words which have been defined by legislation.

Click on the **Search** button for your results.

Search tips:

- Remember to put connectors, e.g. **and**, **w/p** or **w/5**, in between individual words when typing in your query in any of the search fields.
- 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:

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis AU search form for 'Legislation (Common Law)'. The form has several fields and options, with numbered callouts:

- 1**: Points to the 'Sources' dropdown menu, which is currently set to '*All Subscribed Legislation Sources'.
- 2**: Points to the 'Search Terms' input field.
- 3**: Points to the 'Legislation Title' input field.
- 4**: Points to the 'Sec / Reg / Rule' input field.
- 5**: Points to the 'Defined Terms' input field.

 Other visible fields include 'Jurisdiction' (set to 'All'), 'Legislation Year & Number', and 'Search within' (set to 'Legislation only'). There is a 'Search' button at the bottom right of the form. The page also includes a 'View tutorials' link at the bottom left and a 'Back to top | Save this search | Clear form' link at the bottom right.

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1. In the box to the right of **Legislation Title** type: **trade practices act**
 2. In the box to the right of **Sec/Reg/Rule** type: **46**
 3. Click on the **Search** button
- **If you are unable** to find what you're looking for, try the following:
 - Be as broad as possible by using as few of the search options as possible
 - 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., thom*son to account for both Thomson and Thompson
 - It is possible to get LexisNexis AU to run a search on a scheduled basis. Refer to the 'Research Manager' guide for more information.

Focussing on relevant results by using Result Groups

You may sometimes find that your search yields an unmanageably large number of results. When searching in Legislation, **Results Groups** allows you to focus on the more relevant results.

This feature allows you to determine where your search results have come from within your subscription set, and then focus on those that come from publications that are relevant to your particular search.



Browsing an individual Source

- Click on the **Legislation** tab (1), below the red line, on the Toolbar (Figure A)
- Click on **Browse** on the left hand side of the search form (2)
- Select the **Source** (3) you wish to browse - this opens up the screen in Figure B
- Click on the **+** symbol (4) beside any heading, and the sub-headings will appear below
- Click on any **Heading** (5) within this publication to view the contents of that section
- To browse the **Index** for a selected source simply click on the dropdown arrow next to **View** (6) after you have selected the source you want to browse.

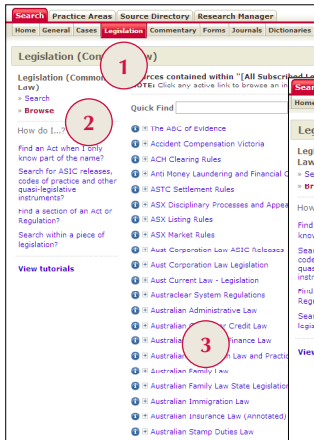


Figure A

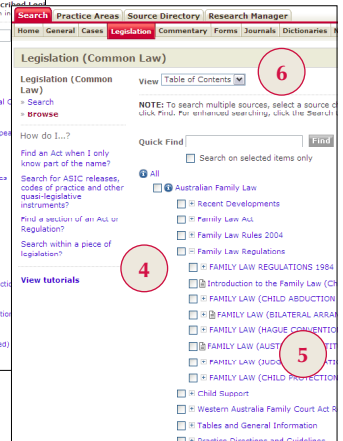


Figure B