Finding law journal articles in databases

Databases containing law articles and law journals are available via the library’s Law Guide.

In the Law Guide, click on the Articles and Journals tab.

Next, decide if you are looking for Australian or international material.
Australian Law Databases - Overview

AGIS Plus Text

Best starting point for Australian content.
A comprehensive collection of abstracts and articles for legal research in comparative and Commonwealth law from 142 resources, some back to 1975. Content from Australia, New Zealand, Asia-Pacific region; selected articles from the United Kingdom, United States and Canada.

CaseBase Journal Articles

Both full text and abstracts. Contains catch-worded and annotated article entries covering over 100 Australian and overseas legal journals. Journal entries include article details such as title, author and citation; and a link to the full text of the articles cited where available.

Westlaw AU Journals

These journals/articles are only available via Westlaw AU. Access to full text articles from over 20 Australian law journals including the Australian Law Journal.
Other Australian Journal Databases

As well as searching law journals, look at **cross-disciplinary journals** for coverage of current affairs or topical issues that may be relevant to your research area. Cross-disciplinary journal databases are available via the library’s subject guides, under Borrowing and Resources on the library homepage.


While Google is frowned upon for legal research, [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com) (GS) searches academic literature and can be a useful search tool. Drawbacks include lack of scope to carry out targeted searches (resulting in too many hits) and not all law databases are harvested by GS.

The [Library Catalogue](https://www.griffith.edu.au/library) searches across databases for all subject areas and will result in numerous hits. **Note:** the catalogue does not search into all of the law databases and researchers are advised to search within individual law databases for comprehensive results.
International Law Journal Databases - Overview

**HeinOnline** - Best starting point for international articles (Law Journal Library). Contains more than 2,400 international law and law-related periodicals.

**Thomson Reuters Westlaw – World Journals** - Also excellent for international articles. Articles from law reviews and bar journals published in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and other countries around the world.

**Kluwer Law Online Journals**
Access to over 20 online journals in a variety of areas of law including: air and space law, arbitration, business/commercial law, company/corporate law, competition law, environmental law, European community law, intellectual property, international trade law, labour law and taxation.

**Oxford Journals Online (Law)**
Oxford Journals Online Collection includes some of the world's most highly cited and prestigious journals, in a broad range of subject disciplines including Law.

**Westlaw UK** - Comprehensive coverage of UK and EU law journals

Check the Law Guide for more international law journal databases including LegalTrac and JSTOR
Cross-Disciplinary Journal Databases

- Oxford Journals Online
- Proquest
- Australian Public Affairs Full Text
- Expanded Academic ASAP
- Google Scholar
- Australian Policy Online
- See more via the Library Guides
Troubleshooting FAQs

- **There is no link to the article. How can I get a copy?**
  If there is no link to the full text of an article, look for the `Find` button attached to the article’s record. Click on the button and you will be taken to the article – if access to the journal is available via Griffith University.

- **What is an abstract? Can I get the full text article?**
  An abstract is a summary of an article or paper. Look for the `Find` button attached to the record (see above).

- **Griffith University does not subscribe to the journal that has the article I want. What do I do?**
  If you are a post-graduate or Honours student, you can request an interlibrary loan.

- **I have an article citation but do not understand what it means. How do I decipher this and how can I find the article?**
  See the How to Find Guide: Journal Article Citations.
Referencing journal articles

To learn about referencing in law, take a look at the AGLC Referencing page in the Law Guide.

Here you will find access to the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (3rd ed.) as well as a “Quick Guide” to commonly cited examples.