

**Answer:**

There are a number of resources to use for identifying and accessing the full text of legislation.

We recommend you try **Lawlex** first as this provides access to Hansard Second Reading Speeches and Explanatory Memoranda. It also provides access to alert summaries of pending legislation as well as amendments since the last consolidation.

**2a. LAWLEX**

Lawlex provides access to the full text of legislation for all Australian jurisdictions. It links you to the most authoritative database for each jurisdiction eg. ComLaw and NSW Legislation

[Comlaw](#) (Commonwealth of Australia)

ComLaw is produced by the Australian Attorney-General's Department and provides access to Bills, Acts and Legislative Instruments.

[NSW Legislation](#)

NSW Legislation is produced by the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office and provides access to Acts and Regulations.

[AustLII](#)

AustLII provides access to Acts and Regulations for all Australian jurisdictions.

**2b. Hard copy** legislation is available in in the Law Reference section of the UOW Library (just as you walk into the Law Library)

- Commonwealth (Annual Volumes) **KH/16/AUS**
- New South Wales (Annual Volumes) **KH/65/NEW**

**2c. Statute Annotations** can be used to find out about amendments:

- [LexisNexis AU: Federal Statutes Annotations](#)
- [LexisNexis AU: New South Wales Statues Annotations.](#)
- [Commonwealth Statutes Annotations](#) (Hard copy)
- [New South Wales Statutes Annotations and References](#) (Hard copy)

The need to use statute annotation services is diminishing as electronic compilations are updated more frequently and in a more timely manner. Occassionally you may need to check for amendments since an electronic consolidation was published. Again, try **Lawlex** first.

**2d. LexisNexis AU: Industrial Law NSW**

- Scroll to and click **LexisNexis AU**
- Click red **Legislation tab** at top of page
- Click **Browse tab**
- Click + next to *Industrial Law NSW* to open Table of Contents (TOC)
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