

Answer:

There are a number of resources to use for identifying legislation on a topic.

Textbooks via [UOW Library Catalogue](#)

Textbooks on a given topic e.g. *sexual harassment* will include the names of relevant legislation. Try an advanced keyword search on your topic and follow the relevant subject headings if necessary e.g. *sexual and harassment*. You may then need to look up the full text of the statute(s) using a databases such as Lawlex (see Question 3).

Lawlex

Contains a Subject index of principal Australian legislation for all jurisdictions. This has broad subject categories and limited search facilities but it does contain up-to-date full text of the acts and regulations. See video under "**Show me**" under "Databases to find legislation" on this same page.

Comlaw Full Text

Australian Federal legislation. Acts and regulations. Includes repealed and current legislation. This site will be replacing Scaleplus.
Attorney-General's Department website

NSW Legislation (Parliamentary Counsel's Office)

Is the official NSW Government website for online publication of legislation.

Austlii

This is a publicly accessible site produced by the Australasian Legal Information Institute (a joint facility of UTS and UNSW.)

TIP:

- At Austlii homepage click **Advanced Search**
- Use the **Find** drop down menu to select the appropriate search method
e.g. **this legislation name**
- Limit your search to **All Legislation Databases**.

Loose-leaf **services and e-looseleaf services** are a very good source for identifying relevant legislation and for obtaining the full text of that legislation. Use [LexisNexis AU](#), [CCH Online](#) and [Legal Online](#) to identify relevant e-looseleaf services. Use the search facilities within the database or look for relevant libraries within each of these databases.

- For example, if looking for legislation on sexual harassment try CCH Online
- Click Aust & NZ Equal Opportunity Law Library
- Click State Equal Opportunity Legislation
- Click NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

LexisNexis AU: Halsbury's Laws of Australia

A comprehensive, full text legal encyclopedia giving an overview on a wide range of legal subject areas inc. relevant legislation. A good starting point for identifying legislation on a topic.

TIP

- At **LexisNexis AU** homepage
- Under **My Sources** click **Halsbury's Laws of Australia**
- Type in your keywords e.g. "*sexual harassment*"
- Limit search as appropriate
- Click on the title for the full text of that paragraph. Look for legislation citations in the footnotes.
- For further tips see **Help** top right