1 Halsburys Laws of England via Lexis Library

The electronic version of *Halsbury’s Laws* forms part of the *Lexis Library* service. It aims to comment on all English Law, whether from statute, case law or Europe. The service is updated monthly, and includes the current version of the cumulative supplement and noter-up.

You can access *Halsbury’s Laws* via the *UWE* law library database list: [http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/searchforthingsa-z/databases/bysubject/law.aspx](http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/searchforthingsa-z/databases/bysubject/law.aspx)

It is listed both under **ALL databases** and under **Commentary**.

You can also find *Halsbury’s Laws of England* from the *Lexis Library* homepage. You should find it listed as a source under **My Bookshelf** on the right hand side of the screen. Click on the link to **search** Halsbury’s Laws of England.

If not, you can add, remove and sort the sources which appear on your *Lexis Library* bookshelf by clicking on the link to **add/remove/sort sources**. You will find *Halsbury’s Laws* listed under Commentary. This can make it easier for you to access specific sources you use regularly.
2 Searching Halsbury’s Laws of England

From the UWE law library database list you will be taken to a search screen with Halsbury’s Laws of England selected as the source to be searched. Enter some search terms in the search box, using connectors such as and, or, and not as necessary, to define your search (see Fig. i.).

For more help on using connectors within Halsbury’s Laws, click on the Search tips link, which appears under the search box. For instance, a search to find out whether the functions of an official receiver can be contracted out might appear as in the following example:

Note that Halsbury’s Laws of England is selected under ‘Sources’.
3 Viewing your results

Initial results are displayed in a table on the right hand side of the screen (see Fig. ii.).

The three columns show the paragraph number and heading of the paragraph within *Halsbury’s Laws*, the source of the information, and its location within the main volumes.

This would give you enough information to be able to browse to the same point within the printed volumes, or using the browse facility of the electronic version (see section on browsing).

The **Title** column shows the name and number of the paragraph within *Halsbury’s Laws*.

The **Location** column shows where that paragraph sits within *Halsbury’s Laws*.

On the left of the screen are options for sorting search results or narrowing by topics.
To see the full text of a relevant paragraph, click on its blue highlighted title of the paragraph in the **Title** column. This will take you to the full text of that paragraph (see **Fig. iii.**):

The left section of the screen provides options for sorting search results or narrowing by topics.

If there are any Updates to the text or notes of the paragraph, these will appear within the table of contents and at the bottom of the main text of that paragraph.

The right section shows the full text of the selected paragraph, with notes, as it would appear in the main volumes of the printed version of *Halsbury’s Laws.*

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**UPDATE**

**31-41 Official Receivers**

The terminology used in the Insolvency Rules 1986, *SI 1986/1925*, has been extensively updated by the amendments made by *SI 2010/686*. A non-exhaustive list of the terminological alterations is set out in **PARA 2 NOTE 5**.

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Remember to scroll to the bottom of the page to check for any relevant **Update** you need to be aware of.
Remember that with *Halsbury’s Laws*:

- The **main paragraph** summarises the key points of law.
- The **footnotes** list the key primary sources, e.g. legislation, law reports and official publications.
4 Browsing Halsbury’s Laws

To browse *Halsbury’s Laws*, click on the **Browse** link. (see Fig iv).

This will bring up an alphabetical list of the main volumes. To browse through the content of a volume, click on the plus sign next to the appropriate volume heading. Keep working through the menus, clicking on the plus signs, until the area in which you are interested appears. Then click on that heading to bring up the text of the paragraph. The same can be achieved by clicking on the highlighted text of the volume title, subject etc. Please note that browsing should only be used if you already know exactly which part of *Halsbury’s Laws* you want to consult. If you are unsure, please carry out a text search as illustrated above, otherwise vital pieces of information could be missed.
5 Using the Index to *Halsbury’s Laws* online

If you are familiar with using the printed format of *Halsbury’s Laws* you will know that using the Index volumes to identify keywords can be a useful way of starting your search. The Indexes are now available online, and can be located from the *Lexis Library* homepage (see Fig v).

From the Browse option detailed above, select **Index** from the **View** drop-down list and either enter a search term or click on the letters to expand the browse list.

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