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Locations of Public Statutory Instruments and Statutory Rules and Orders Official Series

The official definitive text from 1898 of *Statutory Instruments* (SIs) and *Statutory Rules and Orders* (SR&Os) (as they were called prior to 1948) as originally passed, can be located in the Library at Bay 171.

Internet

Original unamended versions are available at www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi from 1987 onwards.

Halsbury's Statutory Instruments

Halsbury's Statutory Instruments arrange SIs by subject setting out either the full text or summaries of SIs in force at the date that particular volume was published. Texts are printed as amended and summaries alert you to amendments. Annotations are included (located at Bay 62).

Textbooks

Many specialist texts, in particular looseleaves and subject encyclopaedias, set out the text of SIs updated to the date the work went to press, plus annotations.

LexisLibrary

LexisLibrary is an online subscription service providing **updated** versions of SIs in force. LexisLibrary is available in the Library.

Westlaw

This is an online subscription service providing **updated** versions of statutory instruments in force. It also contains historic versions for instruments since 1991. Westlaw is available in the Library.

Justis.com

This online subscription service provides the **original** official full text of statutory instruments. Amendments, revocations and annotations are not included, although there are cross references to amendments etc. with links to JustCite. Justis.com and JustCite are available in the Library.

Updating Statutory Instruments

LexisLibrary, Westlaw

Both these subscription services provide **updated** versions.

Halsbury's Statutory Instruments

Find the SI you want to update by using either the separate annual index or the numerical list in the front of the looseleaf service volume. Then update the instrument in the service volume in the Monthly Update by volume number and subject title, in the List of Changes section A-Z by name.

Please note that this work is difficult to use, please ask staff if you need assistance (located at Bay 62).

Current Law Citators

Beginning in 1947 these list statutory instruments noting amendments and revocations etc. Use the volume which contains the year in question and **all** subsequent volumes (located at Bay F6).

Finding Statutory Instruments on a subject

LexisLibrary, Westlaw

Sections in both these subscription services can be used to find statutory instruments on a subject including Commentary and Current Awareness in LexisLibrary and Legal Journals and Current Awareness in Westlaw. Westlaw contains abstracts and subject keywords which can be useful for finding recent statutory instruments on particular subjects.



Halsbury's Statutory Instruments

Use the separate annual index to find the relevant legislation. Refer to Updating Statutory Instruments above (located at Bay 62).

Textbooks covering the relevant subject area can also be used.

Finding Cases on a particular provision in a Statutory Instrument

LexisLibrary and Westlaw

Locate the relevant provision in the statutory instrument and in LexisLibrary select 'Related cases' and in Westlaw select 'Legislative Analysis'.

Current Law SI Citators

The separate *SI Citor* has been prepared since 1993 and is included in the *Current Law Citators*. Refer to Updating Statutory Instruments above. Use the volume which contains the year in question and all subsequent volumes (located at Bay F6).

Finding Statutory Instruments made under a particular section of a Statute

LexisLibrary and Westlaw

Locate the relevant section of the statute. In LexisLibrary the information is in a note at the end of the section. In Westlaw select 'Legislative Analysis'.

Current Law Legislation Citators

Beginning in 1947 these list statutes noting, among other things, regulations made under specific sections. Use the volume which contains the year in question and all subsequent volumes (refer to Updating Statutory Instruments above).

Halsbury's Statutes

The annotations often refer to orders made under a specific section of an act. Always update in the annual Cumulative Supplement and the looseleaf Noter-up (located at Bay 61).

Please note that the updating mechanisms of many of the above sources can be difficult to use. Please ask staff for assistance if you are unsure. The above are suggestions only and are not exhaustive. If you do not succeed or are not satisfied with the result in the first source you use, try an alternative.

Locations of Local Statutory Instruments

The Library does not hold local SIs except for a few limited exceptions. Locating local SIs is made difficult due to the fact that not all local statutory instruments are published. Published statutory instruments are available from 1987 on www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi and since late 2009 many unpublished ones have been added. Unpublished statutory instruments should also be available from the relevant local authority. For other possible sources for both published and unpublished instruments please ask staff.

Indexes

Published and unpublished statutory instruments are indexed in the Annual *Lists of Statutory Instruments* (located at Bay N).