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Below is a summary of Republic of Ireland legislation since 1801 to the current day.

Pre 1801 : Irish or Pre-Union Statutes in 'Statutes passed in the parliament held in Ireland' (1310 -1800). Also contains Westminster acts. Held in Offsite Storage (48 hrs notice required), please ask Library staff.

1801-1921 : No separate Irish parliament, so sources are the same as for UK acts (Bays 168-170) or Justis.com (as originally enacted), and Westlaw and LexisLibrary (as amended).

Post 1922 : 1922-1930 acts are in 'Irish Free State Acts and 1924-1996 are in Acts of the Oireachtas'. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.

'Irish Current Law Statutes Annotated' (1984-2010) contains annotated versions of the acts and includes private acts, lists of legislation and progress of bills. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.

Primary Legislation

How to find legislation

- *General index to the Irish or Pre-Union Statutes* (1310-1800). These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hrs notice required), please ask Library staff.
- *Index to the Statutes 1922-82*. Cumulative with a supplement to 1985. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.
- *Chronological tables of the statutes 1922-1995*. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.
- *Irish Current Law Statutes Annotated (Prelims & Tables)* (1984-2010) has an index and subject guide. Index and statutes are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.
- *Irish Current Law (Yearbooks and Monthly Digests)* (1995-2010) covers legislation by subject. Located at Bay 187.
- The electronic Irish Statute Book ([eISB](#)) database contains the full text of Acts of the Oireachtas from 1922 to date. The database is produced by the Office of the Attorney General but it is not, strictly speaking, the official version and does contain errors. Printed statutes are available from the Government Supplies Agency. They can be contacted on telephone: + 353 1 6476834 or email: publications@opw.ie

How to check whether legislation has come into force, been amended or repealed

- *Irish Current Law (Yearbooks and Monthly Digests)* (1995-2010) includes commencement and implementation of EC Directives as well as Irish law (Bay 187). *Chronological Tables of the Statutes 1922-95* lists amendments. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.
- The [eISB](#) database contains a Legislation Directory 1922-2014.

Secondary Legislation

- Irish statutory instruments from 1922 to date are available on the [eISB](#)
- [Oifigiúil](#) (the official Irish State gazette) contains details of recent SIs. The full text may also be available on the web site of the relevant government department or agency.
- The [eISB](#) database contains a Legislation Directory from 1922 to date. In general, only express legislative changes to secondary legislation effected between 1922 and 2014 are included in the directory.
- Printed Irish SIs are available from the Government Supplies Agency mail order section who can be contacted by telephone + 353 1 6476834 or email: publications@opw.ie
- *Irish Current Law Statutes Annotated (Prelims and Tables)* lists SIs from 1985-2010. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.



Law Reports

Pre 1922

1782-1866 : various series published, a selection is held at Bays 183-185.

1867-2010 : *The Irish Reports*, also known as Law Reports (Ireland) are the official series at Bay 184.

1867-1922 : *Irish Law Times* includes law reports and case digests. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.

Post 1922

1867-2010 : *Irish Reports* held at Bays 184-187.

1981-2006 : *Irish Law Reports Monthly*. Held in Offsite Storage, please ask Library staff.

1922-1980 : *Irish Law Times* includes law reports and case digests. These are held in Offsite Storage (48 hours notice required), please ask Library staff.

1983-2005 : *Irish Law Times*. Held in Offsite Storage (48 hrs notice required), please ask Library staff.

Irish Legal Information Initiative ([IRLII](#)) has a selection of leading Irish cases.

British and Irish Legal Information Institute ([BAILII](#)) provides access to a selection of judgments from the Irish Supreme Court and High Court from the 1980s and some leading decisions from earlier years.

How to find a case

1867-1988 : 'Irish Digests', in various sequences held in Bay 187.

1995-2010 : 'Irish Current Law (Yearbooks and Monthly Digests)' held at Bay 187.

1995-2006 : 'Irish Law Reports Monthly' index volumes (indexes in the annual volumes) Held in onsite storage, please ask Library staff.

Irish Legal Information Initiative ([IRLII](#)) has an index of decisions in the Irish Supreme Court and the Irish High Court

How to update a case

Use the 'Irish Current Law (Yearbooks and Monthly Digests)' (1995-2010) held at Bay 187.

The monthly parts contain a cumulative case citator.

Useful websites

British and Irish Legal Information Institute:

www.bailii.org

Iris Oifigiúil (Irish state gazette)

www.irisoifigiuil.ie/

Irish Legal Information Initiative:

www.irlii.org

Office of the Attorney-General:

www.attorneygeneral.ie/

Law Society of Ireland Library:

www.lawsociety.ie/Solicitors/Practising/Library/