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Find Isle of Man and Channel Islands Law

Isle of Man

Constitutional Position
The Isle of Man is a dependency of the British Crown, it is not part of the United Kingdom and has its own legislature, the Tynwald.

Legislation
Many Acts of the UK Parliament are extended to the Isle of Man by Orders in Council, issued as UK Statutory instruments. Acts passed by the Tynwald must receive Royal Assent and can be found in the following places.

- Acts of Tynwald 1971- (NB recent years in black and red binders) Bay 181
- Companies Consolidation Act 1931 Bay 180
- Subject guide to Acts of Tynwald, these contain alphabetical and chronological lists and act as a guide to those statutes still in force when the guide was published. Editions held are 1776-1975, 1984, 1992-2000, 2003-2004. For acts from 1417-1970, the guide refers to legislation reproduced in the Isle of Man Statutes eg. IOM Steam Packet Company Act 1896 (see volume VII p.148)
- Acts of Tynwald (as enacted and amended) and secondary legislation 2000- (as enacted) are on the Isle of Man government website
- Employment law guides, codes of practice and a database of employment legislation (selected statutes shown as amended) can be found on the Isle of Man government website
- The Isle of Man Companies Registry has companies legislation (as amended) and information on incorporation and registration.

Law Reports
- Manx Law Reports 1522- and index Bay 180

Serials
The Manx Legislation Newsletter (previously the Manx Law Newsletter) is available on the Isle of Man government website. It contains information on cases, bills, legislation (primary and secondary) and reports.

Useful contacts
Government Bookshop sells copies of Manx legislation, but does not provide a service for updating legislation).
Tel : 01624 685520 Email: library@tynwald.org.im
Isle of Man Law Society Tel : 01624 679232 Email: enquiries@iomlawsociety.co.im
Companies Registry www.gov.im/ded/companies/companiesregistry.xml
Manx Legislation Newsletter newsletters.html

Channel Islands

Constitutional position
The Channel Islands are dependencies of the British Crown but are separate jurisdictions from the United Kingdom. They are divided into the two Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey. Each has their own legislature - the States. Alderney and Sark are dependencies of Guernsey but also have their own legislatures.

Legislation
Occasionally Acts of the UK Parliament can be extended to Jersey and Guernsey by express words in the Act
or, more frequently, by Orders in Council issued as UK Statutory Instruments. Consent to legislation passed by 'The States' is also given by UK Orders in Council, not issued as UK SIs. Jersey and Guernsey legislation (made locally) can be found in the following places.

**Jersey Statutes**

Recueil des Lois

- **Volumes I - III** 1771-1881 Acts still in force as amended up to 19th December 1968
- **Volumes IV - VI** 1882-1928 Acts still in force as amended up to 31st March 1963
- **Volumes VII** 1929-1950 Acts still in force as amended up to 30th April 1977
  - 1951 - Single acts as printed.

The full text of Jersey laws in force, in separate original and updated versions, is available on the [Jersey Legal Information Board](https://www.jerseylaw.je/).

The [Jersey Companies Registry](http://www.jerseyfsc.org/registry/) has the required application forms, fees, guidance notes, and legislation.

**Guernsey**

The Library does not hold any legislation made in Guernsey. Original and updated Guernsey legislation can be found on the Guernsey Legal Resources website (web address below).

**Law Reports**

- *Judgments of the Royal Court of Jersey and of the Court of Appeal of Jersey 1950-84* Bay 181
- *Jersey Law Reports 1985-* Bay 182

The Jersey Law Reports from 1985-2015 are also on the [Jersey Legal Information Board](https://www.jerseylaw.je/)

Guernsey Law Reports from 2007 onwards are on the [Guernsey Legal Resources](http://www.guernseylegalresources.gg/index.aspx) website.

**Serials**

- *Guernsey Law Journal* 1985-2000 contains summaries of legislation and cases, and from 1993 selected Guernsey Court of Appeal judgments. These are in storage (24 hours notice required), please ask staff.
  - Bay 182
- Jersey Law Review is also available from 1997 on the [Jersey Legal Information Board](https://www.jerseylaw.je/) website.

**Useful contacts**

- Jersey Law Society 01534 613920
- States of Guernsey 01481 717000
- The Greffe, Royal Court House, Guernsey 01481 725277
- Guernsey Bar Association 01481 727272
- Jersey Companies Registry [http://www.jerseyfsc.org/registry/](http://www.jerseyfsc.org/registry/)

**Channel Islands and Isle of Man : relationship with the EU**

None of these smaller UK jurisdictions are members of the European Union. Their relationship with the EU is governed by Articles 25-27 and Protocol 3 of the UK's Act of Accession; refer to *Documents concerning the accessions to the European Communities* (1987). For Guernsey, see Ogier, *The government and law of Guernsey* (2005) at Chapter 10.

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