

## Exam Papers

The Library makes available print versions of exam papers for the last three years. These are held behind the Library desk and can be borrowed for a one hour loan period. Electronic versions of exam papers are available through Blackboard.

## Electronic Resources

### Databases

The Library subscribes to a number of Internet databases. The databases most relevant to Law are as follows:

#### **Academic Search Premier**

Multi-disciplinary database containing full-text for nearly 4,500 journals including more than 3,600 peer-reviewed titles.

#### **Business Source Premier**

Full-text database covering all the major business areas dating back to 1922.

#### **Industrial Relations News**

A weekly Irish publication covering industrial and employee relations issues.

#### **Infotrac General One File**

A multi-disciplinary database of articles from over 10,000 journals, magazines and newspapers. The database is updated daily, and contains millions of items, of which approximately 60% are in full text.

#### **JSTOR**

Is an archive of academic journal back issues in the areas of business, education and law. There are 112 titles in the collection.

#### **Justis**

Justis provides access to The Irish Reports and Irish Digests, published by The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for Ireland. This gives coverage of over 80 years of Irish case reports and contains the full text data of published cases from 1919 to the present day. The data is updated every 3 months.

#### **LexisNexis LNB Legal**

Includes UK & Irish cases, UK law journals, International legal information, All England Law Reports, The Irish Reports etc.

#### **LexisNexis News & Business**

Provides access to full-text online legal, news & business information sources. Includes Irish & International newspapers, international company, news and business sources etc.

#### **Westlaw**

The most comprehensive Irish online legal research service. It provides access to Irish case law including ILRM and ILTR, consolidated legislation, annotated legislation, journals etc.

#### **Wiley Online Library**

Allows citation/abstract searching of a broad multidisciplinary collection including humanities.

The majority of the above listed databases can be accessed from outside I.T. Carlow. Users will be asked for their name/library membership number or for a specific login/password. Please contact Library staff for the relevant passwords.

In addition, we have identified some relevant freely available Law databases.

All of the above databases can be accessed via the Law subject portal page available at:

<http://www.library.itcarlow.ie/screens/legstudres3.html>

## Need more help?

If you have any difficulty in using any of these resources, please contact your Subject Librarian.

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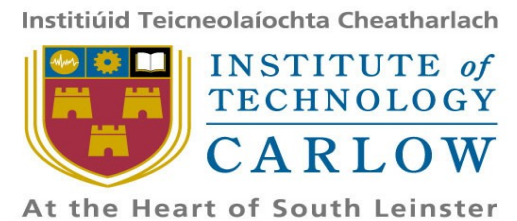
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# Library Guide

# Law



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## Introduction

Welcome to the Library service of the Institute of Technology, Carlow. The services provided by the Library include book lending, individual and group study facilities, photocopying, information retrieval service and access to a range of online databases.

The Library holds a broad range of resources both printed and electronic to support the area of Law. This includes books, journals, databases, Law Reports, newspapers and various other items.

Legal literature can be divided into two main categories – primary materials and secondary materials.

Primary materials are the written sources of the law e.g. Acts of the Oireachtas, Statutory Instruments, Law Reports etc  
Secondary materials include all other types of legal literature which are not formal records e.g. books, journals etc

To facilitate the research process, this guide provides a brief outline of how to search for these different types of material.

## Subject Portal

The library website provides access to the Law subject portal page. This page provides useful access points to the different types of Law resources available through the Library.

The Law subject portal page can be accessed at:  
[http://www.library.itcarlow.ie/screens/legstud\\_subport.html](http://www.library.itcarlow.ie/screens/legstud_subport.html)

## Web OPAC (Library Catalogue)

The Library catalogue is the starting point for locating information on a particular subject. It is a searchable listing of all materials held in I.T. Carlow libraries. Users can search this listing under a variety of search terms such as Author, Title, Jour-

nal Title, Subject, Keyword, Combine Author/Title, ISBN, Shelf number or series. The online library catalogue also acts as an information portal to quality web-based resources, e-journals and databases. The Library catalogue can be accessed at:  
<http://www.library.itcarlow.ie/>

## Books

Books are arranged by subject according to the Dewey Classification System. Each book in the Library is assigned a Dewey shelf number that identifies its subject matter. This number can be found on the spine of the book. The classification numbers for Law are 340 – 349. The following is a broad outline of the Dewey numbers that are relevant to Law:

340	Law – General
341	International Law
341.242	European Law
342	Constitutional Law
343.052	Trade/Industrial Law
344	Social/Labour/Welfare Law
345	Criminal Law
346	Commercial Law
346.015	Family Law

The book collections are divided into three categories. The general lending book collection is located on the ground floor (Stack 1-8). Items from this collection can be borrowed for a loan period of one week.

The short loan collection is located on the ground floor (Stack 9). This collection contains items that are in high demand and can be borrowed for a period up to 48 hours.

The Reference collection is located on the ground floor (Stack 14-16) and contains items such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, directories and handbooks. This collection also holds textbooks that are in high demand and are for library use only.

## E-Books

The Library subscribes to a number of e-book platforms which are relevant for Law. These include:

- The EBrary platform covers all subject areas, providing access to over 50,000 titles.
- SAGE Handbook Collection—covers areas such

as criminology, criminal justice etc. These can be accessed via the Internet Databases listing at:  
<http://www.library.itcarlow.ie/screens/dbasesnew.html>

## Law Reports

The Library subscribes to various collections of Law Reports which include the All England Law Reports, Weekly Law Reports and the Irish Law Reports. These collections are located in the Reference section (Stacks 13-15) on the ground floor.

## Journals

The Library subscribes to over 10 print journal titles in the area of Law. The current year's journals are located in Stack 17 on the ground floor beside the Reference collection. Back issues of Law journals are located in the Reference section (Stacks 14-16) on the ground floor.

Journals are often a source of the most current information on a topic and are arranged in subject order like books using Dewey shelf numbers.

E.g.	344.17	Irish Law Times
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## E-Journals

Apart from the print journals to which the library subscribes, there are over 25,000 journal, newspaper and magazine titles available in full-text to IT Carlow users via subscriptions to online databases. Off-campus access to these resources is also available to all staff and registered students of the Institute.

The library E-journal Portal is provided by Serials Solutions, an electronic resources management system. This allows the library user to search all the library's electronic journals simultaneously. This search facility operates at journal title level only and not at article level.

Serial Solutions can be accessed at from the Library home page at:

<http://nu6tz2wf4g.search.serialssolutions.com/>