

Legal abbreviations

This guide will help you understand abbreviations to law reports and journals, and then find them.

Law reports are where you can find case law. **Journals** contain a range of types of articles, ranging from commentary on a single case to a broad overview of a developing area of law. Both law reports and journal articles are key resources in law.

Often the title of the report series or journal title will be abbreviated. The list below shows the most common abbreviations, but you can find others in the Cardiff Guide to Legal Abbreviations at www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/

Some common abbreviations in case citations are **neutral citations** rather than law reports. Find out more about neutral citations: <https://radar.brookes.ac.uk/radar/file/559c4f41-a60a-409c-9905-ff512a24537d/1/Using%20law%20reports.pdf>

Many of the journals and law reports listed below are on LexisLibrary, Westlaw or HeinOnline. Go to <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources-and-services/course-resource-help/law> and click on the big buttons at the top of the page to find a link to each of these **databases** along with help with how to use them.

If the table below directs to the 'search the library' box, you can find this at <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library>. Ensure you select the *journals* tab before putting the title of the journal into the search box.

There are hundreds of interesting law journals and this table just contains some of those you may come across. Use the routes listed above to discover other journals.

| Abbreviation | Title | Type of resource | Where can I find this |
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| AC | Law Reports (Appeals cases) | Law report | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| All ER | All England Law Reports | Law report | LexisLibrary |
| All ER (EC) | All England law reports: European cases | Law report | LexisLibrary |
| Brit J Criminol | British Journal of Criminology | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| CFLQ | Child and Family Law Quarterly | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| Ch | Law Reports (Chancery cases) | Law report | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| Ch D | Law Reports (Chancery cases) | Law report | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| CLJ | Cambridge Law Journal | Journal | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |

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| CML Rev | Common Market Law Review | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to see where in Headington Library this journal is kept. |
| CMLR | Common Market Law Reports | Law report | Westlaw |
| Conv | Conveyancer and Property Lawyer | Journal | Westlaw |
| Cr App R | Criminal Appeal Reports | Law report | Westlaw |
| Crim LR | Criminal Law Review | Journal | Westlaw |
| E & P | International Journal of Evidence and Proof | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| EHRR | European human rights law review | Journal | Westlaw |
| EHRR | European Human Rights Reports | Law report | Westlaw |
| EJIL | European Journal of International Law | Journal | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| ELJ | European Law Journal | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to find a link to this journal |
| ELR | European Law Review | Journal | Westlaw |
| EWCA Civ | England and Wales Court of Appeal, Civil Division | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| EWCA Crim | England and Wales Court of Appeal, Criminal Division | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| EWHC (Admin) | England and Wales High Court, Administrative Court | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| EWHC (Ch) | England and Wales High Court, Chancery Division | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| EWHC QB) | England and Wales High Court, Queen's Bench Division | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| Fam | Law Reports (Family Division) | Law report | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| Fam Law | Family Law | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| FL | Family Law | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| FLR | Family Law Reports | Law report | LexisLibrary |
| Howard J Crim Just | Howard Journal of Crime and Justice | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to find a link to this journal |
| ICLQ | International and Comparative Law Quarterly | Journal | Westlaw and HeinOnline |
| IJL | Industrial Law Journal | Journal | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| IJLPF | International journal of law, policy and the family | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| IRLR | Industrial Relations Law Reports | Law report | LexisLibrary |
| J Com Mar St | Journal of Common Market Studies | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to find a link to this journal |
| J Law & Soc | Journal of Law and Society | Journal | HeinOnline |
| JBL | Journal of Business Law | Journal | Westlaw |

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| JCMS | Journal of Common Market Studies | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to find a link to this journal |
| JSWL | Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to find a link to this journal |
| KB | Law Reports (King's Bench) | Law report | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| Law Gaz | Law Society Gazette | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| Lloyd's Rep | Lloyd's Law Reports | Law report | Go to https://sites.google.com/brookes.ac.uk/library-e-resources/home/ to find the link and log-in details |
| LMCLQ | Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly | Journal | Go to https://sites.google.com/brookes.ac.uk/library-e-resources/home/ to find the link and log-in details |
| LQR | Law Quarterly Review | Journal | Westlaw |
| LS | Legal Studies | Journal | Use the journals tab of the 'search the library' box to find a link to this journal |
| LS Gaz | Law Society Gazette | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| Med L Rev | Medical Law Review | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| MLR | Modern Law Review | Journal | LexisLibrary and HeinOnline |
| New LJ | New Law Journal | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| NILQ | Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| OJ | Official Journal [of the EU] | Official EU legal source | Go to https://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html |
| OJLS | Oxford journal of legal studies | Journal | LexisLibrary |
| PL | Public Law | Journal | Westlaw |
| QB | Law Reports (Queens Bench) | Law report | Available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| QBD | Law Reports (Queens Bench) | Law report | Available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| UKHL | UK House of Lords | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| UKPC | UK Privy Council | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| UKSC | UK Supreme Court | Neutral citation | May be available on LexisLibrary and Westlaw |
| WLR | Weekly Law Reports | Law report | LexisLibrary and Westlaw |

Getting help and finding out more

More online information can be found on the Law help pages, at <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources-and-services/course-resource-help/law>

If you need any help with finding or using library resources for law please contact **Charlie Brampton** (Academic Liaison Librarian for Law) using the contact details below.

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Headington Library, JHB 112
Oxford Brookes University.