DATABASE GUIDE

LawOne (TimeBase)

LawOne provides searchable access to full text legislation from nine Australian jurisdictions, links through to amending and subordinate legislation, Bills, Explanatory Memoranda and Second Reading Speeches and detailed legislative histories. You are able to download the full text of legislation as passed, and set up email alerts covering subject areas of interest or relevant legislation.

How to Access Database
To access this database go to http://library.vu.edu.au

1. Click Databases & Ejournals
2. Select L
3. Locate LawOne
4. Click Connect to: TimeBase LawOne

Searching legislation by jurisdiction
From the home page select jurisdiction eg. Commonwealth

Find an Act/Regulation/Bill by Title

1. Select jurisdiction
2. Select a Document type (eg. Current Acts)
3. Select title using alphabet links
4. Or select ‘Search Legislation Titles only quick search

Locating an Act by Year

1. Select jurisdiction
2. Select document type (eg. Current Acts)
3. Select Browse By Year and Number.

Find legislation by Subject Area

This function enables retrieval of current acts/regulations, repealed acts/regulations and bills by subjects.

1. Locate Browse by Subject Area from the Main Menu
2. Choose a subject area to search from the Subject dropdown menu

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Searching Legislation by Keywords

The keyword search feature is available on the LawOne home page. It searches within the consolidated legislation database across 9 jurisdictions.

1. Select Advanced Search from Main Menu
2. Enter search terms in the Terms box
3. Choose a search type eg. exact phrase.
4. Select appropriate limit options such as Scope, Jurisdiction, Database
5. Click Submit Search.

Terms Box
Scope, Database, Jurisdiction

Search Results

CaseLink provides access to cases relevant to or referencing the act/regulation you are viewing
Links to related legislation

Legislative Activity Report

The Legislative Activity Report enables you to generate customised reports of the legislative activity between any two dates back to 1998. (Note: the maximum allowable date range is 1 year). The reports show principal legislation in your selected subject area that was enacted or commenced between your specified dates. It also shows legislation in the subject area affected by legislation that was enacted or commenced between these dates.

1. Click Legislative Activity Report from the window on the right.
2. Enter the date range for your report
3. Choose a subject area from the pull-down menu.
4. Choose a jurisdiction
5. Click Generate Report.