

Which one should I use?

From the home page you have the option to browse, search or do an advanced search for legislation.

If you know some or all of the details of the legislation that you wish to access, searching is best.

If you're not sure exactly what you're looking for, browsing is best.

Browse

How to

From the **Collection** dropdown, select the type of legislation that you wish to browse.

Choose an option from the **Browse by** dropdown to further specify your search.

In the **Browse for** dropdown, select the status (in force, no longer in force or all) of the legislation that you want to find.

No **Browse for** dropdown will appear when **Gazette** is selected from the **Collection** dropdown as Gazettes have neither a status nor principal/amending classification.

Example

Let's say you want to browse through every Act on the Register that starts with the letter **G**, regardless of whether it is **in force** or **no longer in force**.

Because you only want to look for Acts, select **Act** from the Collection dropdown.

In the **Browse by** dropdown, you would select **Name**.

Set the **Browse for** dropdown to **All**.

Select the **G** button to view the results.



Search

How to

Use the **All**, **In force** or **No longer in force** buttons to control the status of the titles that you are looking for.

In the **Search for** field, enter the text that you want to find.

Choose options from the **Search in** and **Search using** dropdowns to further specify your search.

Tick the relevant collection(s) that you want to search in.

Click the **Search** button or press Enter on your keyboard to view results.

Example

Let's say you want to search for the Legislation Act. However, you are unsure of its status on the Register or the year it was made.

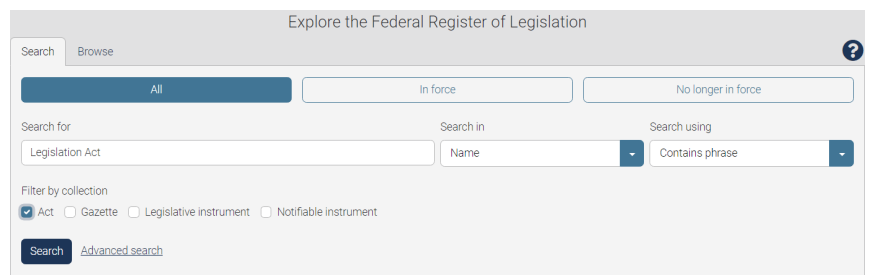
Because you are unsure of its status, select the **All** button.

In the **Search for** field, enter the words **Legislation Act**.

Set the **Search in** dropdown as **Name**, and the **Search using** dropdown as **Contains phrase**.

You know it is an Act, so under **Filter by collection** select **Act**.

Click **Search** or press Enter to view the results.



Advanced Search

The Advanced Search option provides a few more filters to apply to your search.

Type—use the **Principal**, **Amending**, **As Made** or **Compilation**, or a combination, to limit the results to the preferred legislation type.

Status—choose **All**, **In force** or **No longer in force** to see results that match the option selected. The **No longer in force** option will return legislation that is **Repealed** or **Ceased**. The default result is latest version, you can choose to see superseded versions.

Collections—there are additional options added to the original filter by Collections list, such as **Administrative arrangements order** and **Norfolk Island**.

Year/Number—you can search by Series type and Year/Number in this section.

Point in time—by nominating a date, the version that is returned in the result will be the one that was in force at the date you specified.

Portfolio—selecting a Federal Government portfolio will allow you to see legislation that they administer (within your search parameters). If multiple portfolios are selected, the results returned will be for any matches within selected portfolios.

You can layer multiple search queries by selecting the plus button to the right of the search line. You can remove any queries using the minus button.

Example

Let's say you want to view all the repealed amending instruments that have the word **migration** either in their name or text.

In the **Search for** field, you would enter the word **migration**.

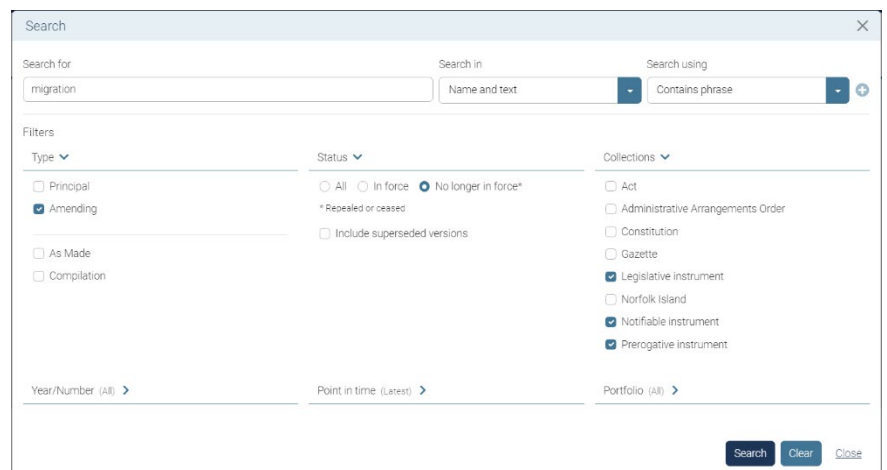
Set the **Search in** dropdown as **Name and text**, and the **Search using** dropdown as **Contains phrase**.

In the **Filters** section, under **Type** you would select **Amending**.

Under **Status**, you would select **No longer in force**.

Under **Collections**, you would select the **Legislative instrument**, **Notifiable instrument** and **Prerogative instrument** options.

Click **Search** or press Enter to view results.




Results page

At the top of the results page will be a summary of the search that was just entered.

If you are signed into My Account, you will have the option to save the search. For more information on My Account, please see the [How to use My Account](#) guide.

As with the Advanced search feature, you can layer multiple search terms by selecting options from the menus and using the plus button to the right of the search line. You can also use the **Type**, **Status**, **Collections**, **Year/Number**, **Point in time** and **Portfolio** filters to further narrow your results.

The coloured circles on the left indicate whether the title is currently in force (green) or no longer in force (red).

You can filter results by name by clicking on the filter button  and entering in a search term.

Use the sort by dropdown at the top of the results to change the sort order.

At the end of the results you can choose how many results you would like to see on a page by using the Page size dropdown.

You can also click on the export button  to download your results.