

# new Westlaw (New Zealand)

## Legal Research Essentials for Students

### Course Description

The session introduces new Westlaw (New Zealand) and focuses on navigating the site to locate legal content. The session explains how to use the Global Search to locate information quickly. Search techniques using both Natural Legal Language and Terms and Connectors to search for Legislation, Cases, Journals and Commentary will be discussed. Downloading and exporting content will also be covered.

Note: We recommend this course as an overview at the start of your degree, or a refresher of the basics in the later years of your degree.

### Learning Outcomes

- Browse and navigate home page to establish content and practice areas
- Introduce the global search including –
  - How to find a product/database
  - How to find legislation and specific sections
  - How to find a case by citation & party name/title
- Understand the benefits of Natural Language and Terms and Connectors searching.
- Introduce Law Summaries and explain judicial definitions
- Filter and refine search results
- Download, print and email information

### Session Duration

- Approximately 30 minutes. Trainer will be online and available to assist with queries.

### Session Delivery Methods

- Online via Microsoft Teams. The Microsoft Teams meeting allows the participant to view the trainer's computer screen as they demonstrate research strategies on Westlaw. At no time does the trainer access your computer.

### Learning Materials

- Support materials including how to videos, research tips, user guides and webinar dates are on the Training and Support portal.

- <https://support.thomsonreuters.co.nz/>

### Training Specialist

- Elizabeth Odom has over 14 years' experience in designing and delivering adult education training in the telecommunications and legal industries. Elizabeth's key focus is creating legal training and support programs specific to client's needs.

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