



Search – Terms & Connectors

Westlaw International – Asia, supports the use of Connectors & Expanders to assist in building a search. The terms and connectors search method allows you to enter a query that consists of key terms from your issue and connectors specifying the relationship between those terms.

For example, you can specify that your terms appear within a specified number of words (/N) or as an exact phrase (“ ”). Type your query in the search bar at the top of the home page, change the jurisdiction, if necessary, then run the search.

CONNECTOR	USAGE	EXAMPLE
Or (or space)	Retrieves either search term or both. This is the default connector on Westlaw International.	slip or trip
&	Searches all terms	trade & mark & registration
%	Excludes words from being retrieved	taxation % income
“ ”	Finds results using a specific phrase	“fiduciary duty”
/n	Searches for terms within a specified number of words ‘n’ can be a number from 1 to 255	person /10 jurisdiction
+n	Searches the preceding word within ‘n’ terms. ‘n’ can be a number from 1 to 255	capital +3 punishment
!	Finds words with multiple endings	object!
*	Substitutes a character	withdr*w
#	Prefix to turn off plurals and equivalents. Retrieves only singular words and not plural.	#damage

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES	
“tenancy agreement” /s withdraw!	Retrieves results containing tenancy agreement as a phrase in the same sentence as withdraw and any of its multiple endings e.g. withdrawal.
trademark % colo*r	Retrieves results containing trademark but excludes results containing colour or color.
delay! /20 agree!	Retrieves results which contain delay and agree, including their multiple endings (eg: delaying, agreement) within 20 words of each other.
drone +25 privacy	Retrieves results where the first term drone precedes the second term privacy by 25 words.
object!	Retrieves results with same beginning but different endings for example object, objects, objected, objection, objecting.
limited liability company	Retrieves results containing either limited or liability or company. NOTE: Space/OR is the default connector on Westlaw International.

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