

LexisNexisNZ Search Tips

To begin a search in LexisNexis NZ, enter your search terms into the appropriate fields. Use **connectors** to define the relationships between terms. A list of popular connectors appears below.

Phrases LexisNexis NZ will search for consecutive words without quote marks as phrases:
e.g. *accident compensation*;
e.g. *duty of care AND financial advisor*.

Truncation ! Use an exclamation mark ! to replace unknown characters after the root of the word, e.g., *litigat!* finds litigation, litigate, litigator, etc.

Popular connectors

Connector	Example	Function
AND	duty of care AND financial advisor	Finds documents containing <u>all</u> terms connected by AND .
W/p	parenting order W/p relocat!	Finds terms or phrases within the same paragraph.
W/s	infring! W/s copyright	Finds terms or phrases within the same sentence.
W/n	takeover w/5 hostile	Finds terms or phrases in the same document within a set number of words of each other (n = any number no greater than 255).
OR	citizenship OR nationality; dwelling OR hous! OR building	Finds documents containing <u>any</u> of the terms connected by OR .
AND NOT	identity fraud AND NOT bank!	Excludes the term following AND NOT . Always use this connector at the end of your search terms.
ATLEAST	ATLEAST 10(gst)	Allows you to specify how many times the term must appear as a result in your hit list. In this example <i>gst</i> must appear at least 10 times in each document retrieved.

For more search tips and a complete list of connectors, click on "Search Tips" under the Search Terms box.

Using multiple connectors and more

Combining an OR connector with W/p, W/s or W/n

You can use an OR connector in conjunction with a proximity tool, e.g. **W/p, W/s, W/n**.

leak! **W/s** hous! **OR** building

→ finds document containing various forms of leak (i.e. leak, leaky, leaking, etc) in the same sentence as house (truncated) or building

If in doubt about the order of your search, connectors inside brackets have priority over, or operate before, connectors outside brackets.

(acc **OR** accident compensation) **W/p** (film **OR** cinema **OR** entertain!)

(rest **OR** meal) **W/10** break **W/10** unpaid

Using multiple W/n connectors

If **W/n** connectors have the same number, they operate from the left to right. If they have different numbers, the smaller number operates first.

(marriage **OR** relationship) **W/10** counsel! **W/10** family court

→ finds “marriage” or “relationship” within 10 words of “counselling (truncated)” and then “family court” within 10 words of either “marriage”, “relationship” or “counselling (truncated)”.

reason **W/15** fixed term **W/4** employment

→ first finds the phrase “fixed term” within 4 words of “employment”, then finds occurrences of “reason” within 15 words of “fixed term”.

Note: **W/n** connector cannot be used in conjunction with **W/p** or with **W/s**.

Phrases containing incidental connectors

Normally, LexisNexis NZ will search for consecutive words without quote marks as phrases. However, if your desired phrase contains a connector(s) within itself, enter that phrase in quote marks.

“occupational health and safety act”

“children young persons and their families act”