

Law

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1. General Information

The Law Collection Policy is bound by the general principles detailed in the [Library's Overarching Collection Policy](#). It is not a stand-alone document and should be read in conjunction with the Library's Overarching Collection Policy and any other relevant subject specific collection documents.

1.1 Collection Purpose

The Law Library supports the teaching and research of the Faculty of Law. The emphasis of Te Piringa - Faculty of Law is on the study of Law in Context with a bicultural emphasis. The Faculty teaches, as part of the LL.B degree, the compulsory core papers prescribed by New Zealand Council of Legal Education. The Faculty also teaches a significant number of papers at Masters level. A number of full time and part time masters and doctoral students are supervised by Law Faculty staff. The collection also supports other related disciplines by providing law and law related materials.

1.2 Primary User Groups

The primary users of the collection are undergraduates, graduates and staff of the Faculty of Law, including those undertaking the Graduate Diploma of Dispute Resolution. A number of members of the judiciary and members of the practicing profession also use the collection.

1.3 Law research interests include:

The Faculty's research interests include all major branches of law with the exception of some specialist practitioner-oriented areas such as Civil Aviation and Construction Law.

1.4 Interdisciplinary Relationships

The collection also supports relevant courses and research in various subjects areas taught by the Faculty of Management e.g. Taxation and Company Law, and other departments, including the Department of Politics, e.g. Constitutional Law. Other interdisciplinary issues include ethics, environmental issues, education law, sport and leisure, hazardous substances, dispute resolution and the law applying to human resources.

2. Description of Existing Collection

The Law Library contains primary materials, journals, monographs, reference works and law reform materials. The emphasis is on material that supports the teaching responsibilities of the Law Faculty. Relevant material is held primarily in the LC classification "K ", but all LC sections are represented.

Increasingly e-books are being purchased.

The focus is on primary materials and these materials are generally not de-selected. At least one copy of earlier editions of most standard works are retained because they often cover commentary on laws that

have been repealed but may still be used when studying earlier case law or the progress of legislative changes.

Major databases include:

- Westlaw NZ
- Westlaw
- CCH
- Hein Online
- Legaltrac
- Lexis.com
- LexisNexis.com

Staff Library: The Law Staff Library is a small collection held within the Faculty of Law. Its purpose is to give immediate support to academic staff in their teaching work, and to a lesser degree their research work. The Law Staff Library contains primary materials, which staff need to refer to regularly, or use to obtain teaching material, and some (generally free) current awareness materials. Texts, apart from a small collection on teaching skills, and specialist materials are not collected for the Law Staff Library.

3 Scope of Collecting

The founding goals of the Faculty of Law are professionalism, biculturalism and the study of law in context and the collection should reflect these. The Law Library therefore endeavours to comprehensively cater for the teaching and research needs of the Faculty of Law. The primary focus has been on New Zealand law, and the development of a comprehensive repository of New Zealand legal materials, in particular primary materials. Primary materials include legislation; case law, and standard legal texts. The Law Library collects all available material on Maori, and where possible, Pacific law, to reflect the School's founding principles. Omissions include:

- Compilations of statute or case law that duplicate material already held are bought only intermittently
- Specialised material from outside common law jurisdictions unless of topical or comparative interest
- Current awareness services: Services of this kind from jurisdictions other than New Zealand are not collected. They often provide information that is quickly superseded, is difficult to use without primary materials, provides no overview and does not provide real support for comparative work
- Works for the lay person

3.1 Chronological Periods

Collecting focuses on recent publications. Some retrospective material is purchased as required.

3.2 Types of Material

Print and/or electronic formats are collected but other types of material may be considered. Electronic full-text is of growing importance for journals, but a balance needs to be maintained between print and electronic sources. A small number of DVDs are collected.

3.3 Geographical Areas

The primary focus has been on the collection of material from New Zealand and selected common law jurisdictions, i.e. the United Kingdom (including some relevant European material), Australia, Canada and the United States. Material from Pacific Island States is collected where possible. Other jurisdictions are also collected for comparative purposes, or where New Zealand law may have been influenced by the law of a particular jurisdiction.

Increasingly, materials from foreign jurisdictions are acquired to support the teaching and research of staff and graduate students. International legal materials are also collected e.g. treaties, UN documents and monographs, to support teaching and research.

Introductory materials are sometimes purchased for jurisdictions with which the Faculty of Law has exchange agreements.

3.4 Languages

English is the primary language of the collection but works in Māori are collected where available. Publications in languages other than English or Māori are collected only in very exceptional cases where the content is considered important and not otherwise available in English.

3.5 Publication Dates

Collecting focuses on recent and current imprints to support the teaching and research areas of the School of Law. Retrospective collecting may be undertaken to support new teaching and research programmes. Primary material is kept from its earliest time and not discarded. For New Zealand material, one copy of superseded books is kept for historical references, as are some other important works.

4 University of Waikato at Tauranga

The Tauranga collection supports the teaching of the Diploma of Laws at undergraduate level. Commercial law materials are also purchased to support some management papers. Responsibility for the Law collection lies with the Law Librarian