



University of KwaZulu-Natal Library

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS: SOUTH AFRICA:

Guide to selected publications in the Pietermaritzburg libraries

This guide covers major South African publications from *central government* available in the Pietermaritzburg campus libraries. The collection is housed in the Cecil Renaud Main and Law libraries. Most South African central government publications in the Main library are housed in the Periodicals section, filed under 'South Africa' in the alphabetical sequence. The limited range of Natal/KwaZulu-Natal publications are filed under 'N' in the alphabetical sequence. See the library guide: *Government publications: guide to library resources* for a complete listing of all the publications available. Many government publications are now available electronically. Access instructions are provided at the end of this guide.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

LEGISLATION (Print and online)

Legislation is written law and the highest law making body is the national parliament. The Constitution is the supreme law and contains a Bill of Rights. Every act has a name and number, re-commencing at one (1) each year. An act is cited thus: Immigration Act 13 of 2002. Prior to being approved and signed by the State President, draft legislation is known as a Bill. Every act has a section that empowers the relevant minister to make regulations. The authoritative version of any act and regulations are published in the Government Gazette. The publishers Juta and LexisNexis (SA) have print and electronic full text versions of legislation including some regulations. Their compilations provide the latest versions of acts, inclusive of amendments. Post 1994 legislation is also available from the SA Government's website.

Print:

- *Union statutes: classified and annotated reprint, 1910 – 1947* (annual volumes)
- *Statute law of SA, 1910 – 1967* (annual volumes)
Law and Main libraries (Periodicals)
- *Statutes of the Republic of South Africa, classified and annotated, 1910-2013* (looseleaf volumes)
Law library
- Government gazette, 1912 – 2008
Main library – full set

Electronic:

- *Government Gazette* inclusive of acts, 1910-1993; 1994+
Sabinet legal. See access instructions at the end of this guide
LexisNexis (SA) See access instructions at the end of this guide
- Government Gazette version of statutes, 1994+
SA Government Online: <http://www.gov.za>. Choose Documents and then select Act or Bill from the drop down menu
- Current versions of statutes still in force, 1910+
LexisNexis (SA) and **Juta e publications** databases. See access instructions at the end of this guide

DEBATES OF PARLIAMENT (Hansard) (Print and online)

Readings of proposed legislation, questions and answers and other matters discussed in Parliament are reported verbatim in 'Hansard'.

Print:

- *Debates of the Houses of Parliament, 1910 - 1994*
- *Debates of the Constitutional Assembly, 1994 – 1996*
- *Debates of the Senate 19190 – 1965; 1994 – 1996*
Law and Main libraries (Periodicals)
- *Debates of the National Assembly 1994 - 2002*
Law (current issues) and Main library (bound annual volumes)
- *Debates and Questions and Answers of the National Council of Provinces 1997 - 2002*
Law library

Electronic:

- Hansard: National Assembly and National Council of Provinces 2002+
Parliamentary Monitoring Group: www.pmg.org.za/

GOVERNMENT GAZETTES incl. Regulation Gazettes (Print and online)

The Gazette (GG) is the official source by which the government communicates with its citizens concerning its activities, specifically legislation, regulations, general and legal notices. Some examples are permit applications for liquor licences and name changes; tenders. Each Gazette is identified by its unique number (within a volume) and the date of issue. The official version of every Act is that which appears in the Gazette. Each act is published in a separate gazette. Regulation Gazettes, which form part of the gazette sequence, also have their own numbers in addition to the Gazette number. Regulations, or delegated legislation are those that an Act empowers a relevant minister to make as necessary. For example an Act regarding a professional body will stipulate a fee structure and such actual fees will be published as regulations in a regulation gazette. As fees are amended new regulations will be published.

Print:

- 1910 - 2008 **Main library; Law library has Regulation Gazettes** 1980 - 2003

Electronic:

- 1910 – 1993; 1994 + National gazettes.
Sabinet Legal. See access instructions at the end of this guide
LexisNexis (SA) database. See access instructions at the end of this guide
- 2004 + Provincial gazettes
Juta / LexisNexis

RP's / UG's (Print and electronic)

These are **annual reports of government departments** as well as **reports of commissions of inquiry**. Known as UG's between 1910 and 1961

Print:

- 1910 - 2012 **Main library (Periodicals), incomplete**

Electronic:

- 1996 + **SA Government Online:** www.gov.za for annual reports. See list at end of guide for access details

WHITE PAPERS (including policy documents) (Print and electronic)

These include reports on proposed water schemes; explanatory memoranda on bills and topical reports. Since 1994 white papers have reflected **policy proposals** starting with the RDP. They were often preceded by a draft white paper or a green paper. Since 1994, white

papers that are policy papers have been treated as books and are reflected in the Library's catalogue. Some have been published in the Government Gazette.

Print:

- 1980 + **Main library (Periodicals)** (incomplete); see also Library's catalogue for post 1994 white papers

Electronic:

- 1994 + **SA Government Online:** www.gov.za. Choose Documents from the main page and then White papers from the drop down menu. See list at end of guide for access details

SPECIALIST DOCUMENTS

A wide range of specialist documents are published by various government departments. The most well known are:

- *Population census* (housed in **Reference library (Main): R 316.8 POP**; superseded issues in Periodicals)
- *Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics* (housed in **Periodicals, Main library**)
- *SA Statistics* (housed in **Reference library (Main): R 316.8 SOU**)
- *South Africa Yearbook* (housed in Reference library: **R 916.8 SOU**; superseded issues in Periodicals). Also available on the Government website.

Many government departments commission special investigations which can often be found full text via the individual departmental websites from the main government website

INDEXES TO GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS (Print and electronic)

Statutes:

Print:

- 1979 – 2013 Annual indexes to the *Government Gazette* include statutes and bills
Law and Main libraries (Periodicals)
- 1910 – 2013 *Butterworths Statutes of the Republic of South Africa classified and annotated from 1910*. Indexes in vol. 1.
Law library
- 1910 – 1989 *Juta's index / Windex : an accumulative reference to acts, proclamations, government notices, provincial ordinances and provincial notices*
Law and Main libraries (Periodicals)

Electronic:

- LexisNexis and Juta e publications databases from the **Library's website**.

Debates: House of Assembly

Print:

- 1912 – 1997 Annual printed indexes (erratic)
Law and Main libraries

Government gazettes / Regulation gazettes:

Print:

- 1979 – 2013 *Annual indexes*
Law and Main libraries (Periodicals)
- 1910 – 2013 *Butterworths Statutes of the Republic of South Africa Classified and*

Annotated from 1910. (Regulation gazettes listed at the end of each subject grouping of Acts throughout the volumes)

Law Library

Electronic:

- 1910 + SA Gazettes via **Sabinet Legal** from the **Library's website**
- 1910 + SA Gazettes via **LexisNexis** from the **Library's website**

RP's; UG's:

Print:

- 1910 – 1968 *Bibliography of South African Government Publications: Dept of Statistics 1910 – 1968*
Main library, second floor 916.8 SOU
- 1910 – 1990 *Index to the Manuscript Annexures and Printed Papers of the House of Assembly... 1910 – 1990*
Main and Law library (Periodicals)
- Library in-house index 1980 - 2012
Main library (Periodicals)

White Papers:

Print:

- Library in-house index 1980+
Main library (Periodicals)
- *Index to the Manuscript Annexures and Printed Papers of the House of ssembly...1910 – 1990.* Print
Main library (Periodicals)

ELECTRONIC ACCESS

Juta:

Go to the Library's website: <http://library.ukzn.ac.za>. Click on Databases and select Juta e publications.

Use the Contents list on the left hand side of the screen to open up the indexes or choose Search form from the middle of the toolbar for a specific resource

LexisNexis (SA):

Go to the Library's website: <http://library.ukzn.ac.za>. Click on Databases and select LexisNexis new link.

Use the Contents list on the left hand side of the screen to open up the indexes or choose one of the tabs under the red and white search box or the red and white search box

SA Gazettes Online:

Go to the Library's website: <http://library.ukzn.ac.za>. Click on Databases and select SA Gazettes or Sabinet Legal and choose SA Gazettes from the menu.

A search screen enables you to input information and search by a variety of options

SA Government Online: <http://www.gov.za>

Click on the Documents option and then select required category of document

Sabinet legal:

Go to the Library's website: <http://library.ukzn.ac.za>. Click on Databases and select Sabinet Legal. Sabinet Legal can also be accessed from Sabinet Reference.