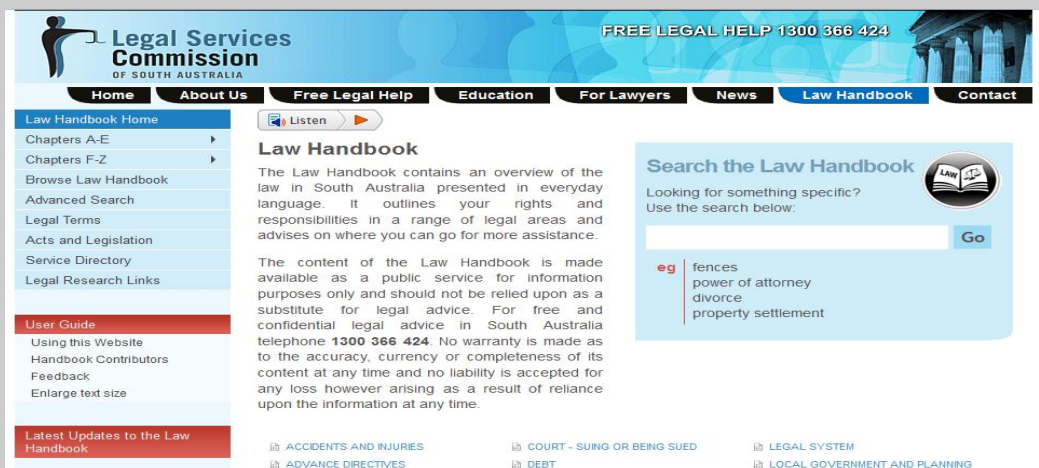


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The Legal Services Commission is jointly funded by both the South Australian and the Commonwealth Governments. It was established in 1977 to increase access to legal services for those people who cannot afford to pay for private legal representation and for this novel purpose it published the handbook

## Scope and Coverage

The Law Handbook contains an overview of the law in South Australia presented in everyday language. The handbook covers the topics like accidents and injuries, arrest

and bail, bankruptcy, business information, child support and young people, community organizations, consumers - contracts and credit, copyright, criminal and traffic offences, court - criminal matters, discrimination, employment, expiation fees and fines, family relationships, guardianship and administration, housing, immigration and citizenship, insurance and superannuation, legal help, legal system etc. and many other topics which relates to the daily life of the citizens of Australia.

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The handbook outlines the rights and responsibilities in a range of legal areas and advises on where one can go for more assistance. Under each topic it includes extended information on various other topics. As for example, the topic “victims of crime” includes all related legislation and contacts and victims of crime compensation. It solves the queries like who can claim compensation? Proving the offence, how much can be claimed? Who cannot claim compensation? Where does the money come from? etc. The article also includes victim impact statements, victim register, victims of domestic violence and victim support service. Article on another topic “immigration and citizenship” provides information on migration law, family visas, skilled visas, refugee, humanitarian and protection visas, student visas, visitors' visas, bridging visas, visa cancellations, migration agents, where to get migration assistance in South Australia. It also includes the information related to the laws on citizenships, like Citizenship by birth, Citizenship by descent, Citizenship by conferral, Citizenship test, Good character requirement etc. Every article in this handbook is linked with the previous and next articles, with the glossary of law terms, and list of acts and legislations of this website.

### ***Special Features***

- One can listen to the content of the handbook and access it in an audio format by downloading the file using the ReadSpeaker service. But the condition is the file must be used in personal purposes only.
- The Legal Services Commission of South Australia has reviewed this website to comply with W3C (the World Wide Web Consortium) standards. The website has been tested using WebXACT to meet W3C 'Web Content Accessibility Guidelines' (WCAG) - AAA Compliance.
- The glossary of legal terms available. The terms are listed alphabetically.
- The hyperlinked list of acts and legislations are provided. These can be browsed through alphabets.
- LSCSA services directory is also provided under this handbook. This directory included the service areas including aboriginal legal services, children's legal services, child support, community legal services, employment legal services, homeless persons legal services, mediation services, family mediation, social security, workers compensation, youth

legal services etc.

- Legal research links are provided. This is a brief guide to web sites which one can use as a starting point for researching South Australian and Australian federal law. The Legal research Gateway sites also provide access to legal materials from other Australian jurisdictions. It also includes South Australian Laws, Commonwealth Laws, Court sites, Government Sites, Parliament Sites etc.

***Arrangement Pattern***

The content of this handbook is arranged alphabetically by the name of the broad topic names. But under the broad headings the sub headings and the contents of each sub heading are arranged topic wise.

***Remarks***

This handbook provides enormous important information regarding the laws and legislations related to the daily life of the citizens of South Australia. This handbook is very much helpful for the general people for assistance. The persons who have decided to settle in South Australia, the handbook will be helpful for those also to get informed about the visa, citizenships and many other topics. But according to the website, the content of the Law Handbook is made available as a public service for information purposes only and should not be relied upon as a substitute for legal advice.

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