

How to use search operators in Lawnet?

Search Operator	Explanation	Examples
AND	Performs "all of the words" search, i.e. retrieves documents that contain all the entered keywords If multiple words are entered without using any operators, the AND operator is applied by default.	negligence AND causation negligence causation
OR	Performs "any of the words" search, i.e. retrieves documents that contain any of the entered keywords	forfeiture OR eviction
" "	Performs an "exact phrase" search, i.e. retrieves documents containing the exact phrase within the quotation marks.	"passing off"
-	Functions as a NOT operator, i.e. excludes documents that contain the entered keyword	-malaysia agent -insurance
NEAR/# NEAR	Functions as a proximity operator, i.e. retrieves documents that contain the entered keywords with # number of words between them. (If the NEAR operator is used without specifying the /# number, the default will be 10 words.)	breach NEAR/3 contract harassment NEAR act
*	Multi-character wildcard operator, used to replace any number of characters in a word to search for variations of the word	appli* Moham*d
?	Single character wildcard operator, used to replace a single character in a word to search for spelling variations	debt?r organi?ation
NOT_IN	"not in" operator, i.e. retrieves documents containing the keyword but excludes documents containing the keyword in a particular phrase/context.	minority NOT_IN "minority shareholder"
()	Grouping operator, used to group together search terms which should be executed together	(doctor OR surgeon) AND negligence "specific performance" OR (damages NEAR/5 contract)