

Westlaw Australia

Alert24 Subject Descriptions

Accounting & Audit

Covers accounting and auditing standards, including Australian adoption of IFRS, Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) releases, Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) releases, Government announcements, and professional bodies' comment.

Administrative Law

The law dealing with government agencies and their decision-making (including human rights and issues relating to migration).

Banking & Finance

Banking & Finance includes banking, consumer credit, interest rates, insurance and relevant personal property securities.

Bankruptcy & Insolvency

Personal and corporate insolvency.

Building & Construction

Building and infrastructure projects, including contracts.

Commercial Law

General commercial law, trading regulation, retail and wholesale, sale of goods, partnership, trusts and equity. This topic also covers transport, liquor licensing, small- to medium-enterprises and businesses, and racing and gaming. It will also include relevant personal property securities items.

Competition & Trade Practices

Competition and trade practices governed by the Trade Practices Act and State Fair Trading Acts (including customer protection, fair trading, hire purchase and competition matters).

Contract Law

The law relating to contracts, including application and principles, parties, unconscionable conduct, remedies, case and statute law.

Corporations

Corporations and ASIC legislation, including formation and incorporation, takeovers and reconstructions.

Court Practice & Litigation

Dispute resolution, litigation and court practice, civil and criminal procedure, appeals and evidence. Jurisdictional coverage is at both State and Federal level.

Criminal Law

State and Federal criminal matters with specific areas including criminal procedure, sentencing, bail, extradition, national security, trial and appeal.

Family Law

Family law and child welfare matters.

FBT

Covers FBT legislation (including regulations), FBT cases, FBT rulings, government and Tax Office announcements, and topics such as FBT exemptions, valuation of benefits, FBT returns.

Financial Services Regulation

Covers the regulation of the financial services industry including ASIC releases, legislation (including regulations), cases, Government announcements and industry views.

General Practice

Designed primarily for the generalist practitioner. It includes topics as diverse as wills and probate, conveyancing, motor vehicle law and trusts.

GST

Covers GST legislation (including regulations), cases, rulings, Government and Tax Office announcements, and a wide range of topics including BAS, registration for GST, GST groups, taxable supply, GST-free supplies, input taxed supplies, input tax credits, tax periods, returns, tax invoices.

Income Tax

Covers the A-Z of income tax for individuals, companies, trusts, partnerships, and includes Capital Gains Tax, assessable income, allowable deductions, exemptions, anti-avoidance, tax residence, source of income, penalties, tax returns, tax rates, legislation (including regulations), cases, rulings, Government and Tax Office announcements.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual property including, copyright, designs, trademarks, patents, and IT law.

Media & Communications

Covers media and communications law, industry, regulation, and practice. This topic includes information technology, media ownership, content classification, Internet and broadband, spectrum, complaints handling, licensing and licence breaches, telecommunications; free-to-air, pay and digital TV; radio; networks; access disputes; announcements from the Australian Communications and Media Authority and the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman; relevant legislation (including bills) and case law.

Press Gallery

News and reviews about politics, executive government, and parliament, including elections, political parties, leadership changes, corporate involvement with the public sphere, industry organisations, lobbying and parliamentary sittings.

Property, Planning & Environment

Planning and the environment, including conveyancing, property and strata titles, local government law, planning law (climate change, carbon charges) and environmental law and resources.

State Duties & Other Taxes

Covers stamp duty, land tax, parking space levy (NSW), congestion tax (Vic), legislation, cases, rulings and practice directions, exemptions, Government announcements, State and Territory Revenue Office updates, First Homeowner Grant, Diesel Fuel Rebate.

Superannuation & Financial Planning

Covers the rapidly growing area of financial planning and superannuation. Includes legislation (including regulations), cases, rulings, ETPs and termination payments, pensions and annuities, retirement, self-managed super funds, superannuation compliance, Superannuation Guarantee Charge, FSR compliance, Government and Tax Office announcements, ASIC announcements, APRA and ASFA releases, industry views.

Workplace & Employment Law

Deals with all matters relating to employment, human resources and industrial relations.