Practical Law Search Service **API**

What is Practical Law?

Practical Law gives legal professionals access to practice notes that offer how-to guidance, standard documents that provide a better starting point, current awareness emails that keep you up to date, plus more. Our experts, who have significant experience in law firms, chambers, and organisations around the world, ensure that the foundations are taken care of so you can concentrate on adding value for your clients and your organisation.

What does the search service do?

The Search Service is a simple gateway to search for and retrieve basic information about Practical Law documents, as would be seen by a lawyer using the Practical Law website itself. It processes simple HTTP "GET" requests and returns XML data for the search criteria used. Criteria can include:

- Free text search terms and operators

- Legal Practice Areas

- Jurisdictions

- Legal Resource Types

- Date restrictions

- Sort options

The response contains a list of relevant Practical Law articles and rich meta-data which also include:

- Legal Practice Areas

- Jurisdictions

- Legal Resource Types

These items could be used to provide filtering and combine with other data sources.

How do I access and use it?

This service is open and requires no authentication. We can provide a detailed specification document to tell you exactly how to make queries and understand the result data, including how to create a link to the documents on Practical Law for each result. It is assumed that the reader understands basic HTTP URL construction and XML data.

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