

Consulting Belgian laws and regulations by foreign administrative bodies



General

This leaflet gives an overview of some useful databases/websites that can be used to consult legislation of the Belgian federal government and the federal states. First of all, an overview is given of some databases that contain both legislation and decrees of the federal government and federal states. Next, some databases for legislation in the federal states are explained.

Databases of federal and state law

Juridat/Justel

[Juridat](#) is a database made available by the Federal Public Service Justice and contains the consolidated Belgian legislation. This database is regularly supplemented and adapted on the basis of current developments. In practice, there may be a small delay, but the advantage is that it is the consolidated version, which makes it more useful for consulting legislation than, for example, the Belgian Official Gazette.

Juridat is only available in Dutch and French.

Belgian Official Gazette

The [website](#) of the Belgian Official Gazette contains the digital version of the official publications of both the federal government and the

communities and regions. The Belgian Official Gazette publishes new laws and decrees but also the statutes of legal persons are published in the Belgian Official Gazette.

This website is only available in Dutch, German and French.

Lex.be

[Lex](#) is a search engine similar to google. It allows citizens, businesses and government agencies to search for legislation and case law in a simple and user-friendly way, free of charge. The user only needs to enter relevant keywords in the search bar. Another advantage of [lex.be](#) is that it links results from various databases such as the Belgian Official Gazette, Juridat and other databases.

Belgielex.be

[Belgielex](#) is a website that provides hyperlinks to databases and data of Belgian authorities and courts. Among other things, the portal provides hyperlinks to documents published in the Belgian Official Gazette, documents of the Constitutional Court, the Court of Cassation, legislative files of the various authorities, etc.

Council of State

On the [website of the Council of State](#) it is possible to search for judgments and advisory opinions of the Council of State. On the one hand, the Council of State, as an administrative tribunal, rules on contested administrative acts such as decisions, regulations and permits. On the other hand, the Council also advises on proposals and drafts of legislative rules and their conflict with higher rules such as the constitution.

Databases of state law

Flemish Codex

In the [Flemish Codex](#), the complete consolidated Flemish legislation can be consulted from 1 January 1985 until today. In general, this database is more up to date faster than Juridat, but the Flemish Codex covers only Flemish legislation. The Flemish Codex can only be consulted in Dutch.

Flemish judgment database

This [database](#) contains the case law related to the enforcement of the regulations for which Flanders is competent. The judgments that can be consulted on this website are anonymised.



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Legislative documents of the Brussels Parliament

The [website of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region](#) contains a database with the parliamentary and legislative documents of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region and of the Joint Assembly of the Common Community Commission. This website is only available in Dutch and French.

Wallex

[Wallex](#) is the legal database of the Walloon Region. This database makes it possible to advise on the legislation, case law, administrative decisions and competences of the Walloon Region. This website is only available in Dutch, German and French.

Gallilex

[Gallilex](#) provides an overview of the law and regulations of the French Community. It is therefore possible to search for articles of law as well as, for example, circulars. This website is currently only available in French.

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