If you seek to rely on a reprinted Act, you need to first ensure that it has not been amended or repealed since the reprint date. The following flowchart will help you ensure that the legislation you are interested in is in force and up-to-date.

**Begin with the most recent reprint of the Act**

Note the **date of the reprint** on the front page of the act. It should say:
- “in force as at...day...month...year”
- “incorporates all amendments up to ...day...month...year”

Also look at the Legislative History and note the details of the **last amending Act** that was incorporated into the reprint.

**Go to the Statute Annotator** for the appropriate jurisdiction
- Look up the Act name in the alphabetical list
- Check the list of amendments to see if there have been any amendments later than your reprint date.
- Don’t forget to check any separate updates or supplements – e.g. Fortnight Update to SA Legislation

**YES**

Note the year and no. of the amending act

Check the date of the Statute Annotator or Update.
You can then update from this date to the current month using...

**Australian Current Law - Legislation Online via LexisNexis AU**
Search for the title of the Act and select to “Search within: Acts Amended”

Note the year and no. of any amending Acts.
Then check the sessional volumes for the text of the amendments.
Check the Government Gazette for the commencement date

You can then check for any very recent developments by looking at the Parliament website for an Index of Bills currently before Parliament.
Note any Bills that have been passed by both Houses or that have recently been assented. Check the Government Gazette for commencement date information.

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**Tip:** Acts are updated very regularly online nowadays – Acts in high use are often updated after each amendment. If you come across an Act that was reprinted within the past few months, you can usually skip the statute annotators and head straight to the Fortnightly Update (for SA Acts), Australian Current Law and parliamentary websites to find the most recent developments.