REFERENCING UK OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

UK Statutes / Acts of Parliament

1. Title of act including year and chapter number (in italics)
2. Available at: URL
3. (Accessed: date)

For example:


NOTE For acts before 1963, the format is different:

1. Short title of act and year (in italics)
2. (Open round brackets
3. Year of sovereign’s reign (regnal year)
4. Name of sovereign, followed by a comma
5. Chapter number
6. Close round brackets)
7. Title of collection (in italics)
8. Year of publication (in round brackets)
9. Edition (only include if not first edition)
10. Place of publication: publisher

For example:

Act of Supremacy 1534 (26 Hen. 8, c.1). The Statutes (1950) 3rd edn. London: HMSO.

Statutory Instruments

1. Name / Title, including year (in italics)
2. SI year and number (in round brackets)
3. Available at: URL
4. (Accessed: date)

For example:


Bills

1. Parliament, full stop
2. House of Commons (or Lords)
3. Year of Publication (in round brackets)
4. Title (in italics)
5. Bill number (in round brackets)
6. Place of publication: publisher
For example:


**Parliamentary Papers**

1. Parliament, followed by a full stop
2. House of Commons (or Lords)
3. Year of publication (in round brackets)
4. Title (in italics), followed by a full stop
5. Paper number (in round brackets)
6. Place of publication, followed by a colon
7. Publisher

NB For House of Lords papers, the final number is itself in round brackets to distinguish it from identical House of Commons papers

For example:


**Command Papers (including Green and White Papers)**

Command papers are “presented to Parliament by command of Her Majesty”. They could be

- statements of Government policy, i.e. *White Papers*
- discussion or consultation papers i.e. *Green Papers*
- reports to Royal Commissions
- reports of Departmental Committees
- reports of investigatory bodies such as the Law Commission or Monopolies and Mergers Commission

In other words, they cover a wide range of types and are referenced thus:

1. Name of committee or royal commission
2. Year of publication (in round brackets)
3. Title, in italics and followed by a full stop
4. Place of publication, followed by a colon
5. Publisher
6. Paper number, in round brackets and followed by a full stop

For example:

Departmental Publications

1. Name of government department
2. Year of publication (in round brackets)
3. Title (in italics), followed by a full stop
4. Place of publication, followed by a colon
5. Publisher
6. Series (in brackets) – if applicable

For example:


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