# TU Dublin Library Harvard Quick Guide for Non-Law Students

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## There are two parts to Harvard referencing:

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<td>Give enough basic information about the original source you used</td>
<td>Provide comprehensive information so that your lecturer can track down the original source</td>
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<td><strong>Title of Act including year</strong>, No., s. [if a section has been referred to], City: Publisher, available: web address [accessed date] [if available online].</td>
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**Example:**


**NOTE:** The year is included in italics, as part of the main title.

### Judgment / Case report:

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**Example:**

*O'Donnell-v-Dun Laoghaire Corporation 1991*

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**NOTE:** Check the Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations at www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk for more information on abbreviations.

### Statutory Instrument:

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**Example:**

EU Directive:

In-text Citation:
(Name and Year/Number/institutional origin)

Example:

Reference List:
Institutional origin (e.g. Council Directive (EC)) Year / Legislation number / Institution "of" followed by the date it was passed “on” followed by the title, all in italics, available: web address [accessed date] [if available online].

Example:

NOTE: The entire reference is in italics and the title of the directive is not capitalised. This is not consistent with standard Harvard guidelines, but is nonetheless correct.

Official Guidance Notice:

In-text Citation:
(Country, Government department year)

Example:
(Ireland, Department of Finance 2009)

Reference List:
Organisation (year of publication) Title of guidance note, Number and version, Place of Publication: Publisher, available: web address [accessed date] [if available online].

Example:

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