

*These notes refer to the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003  
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# LEGAL DEPOSIT LIBRARIES ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Printed Publications*

#### *Section 4: Printed publications: the British Library*

13. This section re-enacts the entitlement of the British Library Board to receive a copy of every work published in print. The copy must be delivered to the British Library within a month of publication; the copy must be of the same quality as the best copies published in the United Kingdom at that time; and the British Library Board must provide a receipt for the deposited printed works received.

#### *Section 5: Printed publications: other libraries*

14. This section re-enacts the entitlement of the other five deposit libraries (the National Library of Scotland, the National Library of Wales, the Bodleian Library, Oxford, the University Library, Cambridge and the Library of Trinity College, Dublin) to request a copy of each printed work. Such request must be in writing, may be made before publication but may not be made more than 12 months after publication and can cover all future numbers or parts of an encyclopaedia, newspaper, magazine or other work. The deposit must be made within a month of publication or of receipt by the publishers of the request. The copy deposited must be of the same quality as the largest number of copies published in the United Kingdom at the time of delivery.