



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 13468
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Dear

Request for Information – ATISN reference 13468

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 October 2019 about devolution and laws in Wales that are different to England. I have set out at Annex 1, the questions you submitted.

I have concluded that the Welsh Government does not hold recorded information of the type described in your question or of the examples therein. Information regarding the laws of England and Wales is already available on www.legislation.gov.uk.

You may also wish to refer to the Law Commission's Report 'Form and Accessibility of the Law Applicable in Wales' and, in particular, Chapter 7 which gives case studies in areas of Welsh law. The report is available on the Law Commission's web page.
<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/>

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

Please provide at least ten examples, in form of a table, where laws in Wales differ from laws in England.

These should not include the Welsh Language Act or tuition funding by Student Finance Wales/England.

Please provide specific laws and refrain from listing the "20 areas of responsibility (or: 'areas of competence') devolved to the National Assembly of Wales".

The left side of the table should show the Welsh law (one law per column), the right side the different law in England.

If this is not precise enough, here is a list of issues you could illustrate:

- different fines/penalties for breaking a law;
- something that is legal in Wales that is illegal in England or vice versa;
- different minimum (or maximum) ages for certain activities;
- safety regulations (e.g. food, housing);
- anti discrimination laws; and
- deadlines by which a government authority has to address an issue.