United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is a common law country. The country is comprised of 3 jurisdictions, England & Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. Most of the hardcopy materials concerning U.K. law are located on the 3rd floor of the Law Library at the call numbers beginning KD. Good overviews of U.K. law and the U.K. legal systems can be found in the following sources:


Portals for International and Comparative Law
Hieros Gamos: http://www.hg.org/
Legal Information Institute (LII): http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/

General Legal Guides
BAILII: http://www.bailii.org/
JustCite: http://www.justcite.com/default.aspx
LawLinks: http://library.kent.ac.uk/library/lawlinks/resources.htm
Legal Resources on the Internet: http://www.venables.co.uk/

Government Resources
The British Monarchy: http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page1.asp

Executive
Prime Minister: http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page1.asp
The Cabinet Office: http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/
Department for Constitutional Affairs: http://www.dca.gov.uk/
Direct Gov: http://www.direct.gov.uk/Homepage/fs/en
Command Papers: http://www.official-documents.co.uk/menu/command.htm
The Stationery Office (Gov’t Docs): http://www.tso.co.uk/bookshop/
HMSO (Gov’t Docs): http://www.hmso.gov.uk/
The London/Edinburgh/Belfast Gazette (newspapers of record): http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/
National Archives (Public Records Office): http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

Legislative
U.K. Parliament: http://www.parliament.uk/
Bill Index Database: http://bills.ais.co.uk/AC.asp
Weekly Information Bulletin: http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm/cmwib.htm
Parliamentary Library Research Papers: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/research_papers.cfm
Official Documents: http://www.official-documents.co.uk/
Scottish Parliament: http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm
Scottish Statutory Instruments:  
http://www.oqps.gov.uk/scotlegislation/scot_si.htm
National Assembly for Wales:  http://www.wales.gov.uk/index.htm
Northern Ireland Assembly (Currently Suspended):  
http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/

Judicial
Court Service:  http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/
Civil Procedure Rules & Practice Directions:  
http://www.dca.gov.uk/civil/procrules_fin/menus/rules.htm
Incorporated Council of Law Reporting:  http://www.lawreports.co.uk/
BAILII:  http://www.bailii.org/
The Scottish Courts:  http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/

Professional Associations
The Bar Council:  
Law Society of Scotland:  http://www.lawscot.org.uk/
Faculty of Advocates (Scottish Bar):  http://www.advocates.org.uk/
Law Society of Northern Ireland:  http://www.lawsoc-ni.org/
Northern Ireland Bar Council:  http://www.barlibrary.com/

Legal Education
U.K. Law School Listing:  http://www.law.warwick.ac.uk/lcc/lawschools.html
U.K. Center for Legal Education:  http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/
Bar Council’s Education & Training Site:  
http://www.legaleducation.org.uk/Main/
Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (for U.S. attorneys in U.K.):  
http://www.qltt.com/index.htm
Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations:  http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/