

Referencing using OSCOLA

Section 8: Internet sources



Thinking about websites

- Not all websites are reliable (anyone can put information on to the internet)
- Websites may present a biased, misleading or inaccurate viewpoint.
- The variable quality of information freely available on the internet makes it even more important to provide detailed information.
- Websites also move, change or are deleted: another reason to make sure you provide as much information as possible



Referencing a website

 Remember the basic purpose of referencing is to document:

- Who wrote it
- Where, when and by whom it was published



What information do you need to include?

- Look at the instructions in the Citing the Law online tutorial
- Some of it is the same as for citing a book:
- Author
- Title



You also need to show

- The date it was written (if there is one)
- Additional relevant information
- The url i.e. where to find it (indicated with <>)
- The date you accessed the site





So the reference will be:

 International Committee for the Red Cross, 'Contemporary Challenges for IHL' (5 February 2013)
http://www.icrc.org/eng/war-andlaw/contemporary-challenges-forihl/overview-contemporary-challengesfor-ihl.htm> accessed 9 December 2013.



Example: Citing a website

Author, | *Title of Website* | (Date) | < URL > | accessed Date

- Short form: Equality and Human Rights Commission (n #)