

## Session 2: What is the legislative process?

One of our first topics that we will consider is the UK parliament, and in particular the legislative process that parliament carries out.

Visit the website <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/> to understand what legislation is and how it works. Complete the activities below to learn more about this process and new legislation that is introduced.

### Task 1

Scroll down to the heading 'Understanding Legislation'. There are a number of headings that you can read about to understand in greater detail the legislative process. In particular you should take note of the following:

How legislation works

How legislation comes into force

How parliaments have changed over time and created different legislation types

### Task 2

Scroll down to the heading 'New Legislation'. Click on the 'Browse new legislation' tab. You should identify and research one new piece of legislation that has come into force recently. Select one of the dates along the top, choose from the United Kingdom, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland and choose a statutory instrument to explore.

### Task 3

Watch the videos below to consolidate your knowledge and understanding on the legislative process.

How does a Bill become law?

[How does a Bill become a Law? - YouTube](#)

How do laws get passed in the UK?

[How Do Laws Get Passed In The UK? - YouTube](#)

How do MPs vote in the House of Commons?

[How do MPs vote in the House of Commons? | Exploring the House of Commons | BBC Teach - YouTube](#)

Why do MPs rebel?

[Why do MPs rebel? | Exploring the House of Commons | BBC Teach - YouTube](#)