

# Advanced Search Quick Reference Card

## Search Connectors

Note: To search with a code section, or with proximity, use [Advanced Search](#). A space between words is searched as “AND.”

Note: The connector words AND, OR, and NOT must be uppercase in your search.

Term	Description	Example
AND	Both (or all) the words appear in the document	Treasury AND "anti-inversion" AND guidance
OR	Search for alternate terms	law OR legislation
" "	Exact phrase	"disguised sales" "profit and loss"
*	Wildcard / Root expander	Culberts*n will retrieve Culbertson, Culbertsen, etc. audit* will retrieve all words beginning with "audit," including audits, auditor, and auditing
NOT or -	Use to Exclude Words	legislative NOT history legislative -history
~	Use fuzzy match to retrieve words with similar spelling	Shepherd~ will retrieve Sheppard
( )	Group terms together to build searches	(Swiss OR Switzerland) AND bank* AND (record OR account)

## Proximity Search

Search for a word or phrase close to another word or phrase

Term	Description	Example
/n:	Find a word or phrase within n words of another word	"Swiss bank" /10 privacy
/s:	Find a word or phrase within the same sentence as another word	deduction /s SALT
/p:	Find a word or phrase within the same paragraph as another word	deduction /p SALT

## More About Proximity Searching

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You may use a wildcard / root expander if the term has at least four letters.	<b>Effective:</b> proposed /s legis* <b>Ineffective:</b> tax* /s deduction
Put quotes around phrases.	<b>Effective:</b> "state and local tax" /10 credit* <b>Ineffective:</b> state and local tax /10 credit*
Use parentheses to delineate units of a search.	<b>Effective:</b> ("state and local tax" OR SALT) /10 (legis* OR regulat*) <b>Ineffective:</b> "state and local tax" OR SALT /10 legis* OR regulat*
You may indicate only one proximity relationship.	<b>Effective search:</b> ("state and local tax" OR SALT) /10 (legis* OR regulat*) <b>Ineffective search:</b> ("state and local tax" OR SALT) /10 (legis* OR regulat*) /10 (chang* OR amend*)
You may use OR or AND, but not together. (A space is searched as "AND.")	<b>Effective:</b> (Australia OR Ireland OR Japan) /10 "peer review" <b>Ineffective:</b> (Australia OR Ireland OR Japan) /10 (OECD AND "peer review") <b>Ineffective:</b> (Australia OR Ireland OR Japan) /10 OECD "peer review"
You may not use NOT (or the dash to indicate "not") in proximity searches.	<b>Ineffective:</b> Ineffective search: disallow* /s deduct* NOT business

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### Further Assistance

For help with your search, contact: [research.help@taxanalysts.org](mailto:research.help@taxanalysts.org)