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# New IHL handbook

## International Humanitarian Law: A Comprehensive Introduction

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*International Humanitarian Law: A Comprehensive Introduction* is an introductory handbook that aims to promote and strengthen knowledge of international humanitarian law (IHL) among academics, weapon-bearers, humanitarian workers and media professionals. It presents contemporary issues related to IHL in an accessible and practical style, and in line with the ICRC's reading of the law. That, plus its distinctive format – combining “In a nutshell”, “To go further” and thematic textboxes – make it the ideal everyday companion for anyone approaching IHL for the first time and curious about conflict-related matters, as well as for military and humanitarian personnel seeking useful guidance on a vast array of topics.

### Main features

- Written by a sought-after author, the core text covers IHL comprehensively in concise and accessible language.
- Short footnotes systematically provide the reader with references to legal provisions in both treaty and customary law.
- “In a nutshell” sections at the beginning of each chapter set out key messages on the main IHL rules.
- “To go further” sections offer a variety of thematic, legal and non-legal references, such as readings, e-learning modules, ICRC movies and pictures from the field and *How Does Law Protect in War?* case studies.
- Thematic textboxes inform the reader about contemporary initiatives and processes aimed at strengthening IHL and protecting persons and property in armed conflict.