Carter’s Guide to
Australian Contract Law

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Carter’s Guide to Australian Contract Law takes a practical approach to contract law. With Australia-wide coverage, this book is clear, concise and user-friendly, making contract law easy to understand and apply. It simplifies difficult cases, is logically structured and fully footnoted and has a comprehensive index. Written by leading contract author, Professor John Carter, this book is superior in quality and depth of coverage.

The book is divided into 10 parts which represent the key questions for students of contract law and teachers alike:

What is Contract Law? Is there a Contract? What are the Terms of the Contract? What Do the Terms Mean? Who can Enforce the Contract? Has the Contract been Performed? Has the Contract been Prematurely Discharged? Has the Contract been Rescinded? What Remedies Are Available? What Defences may be Raised?

A separate part of the book, entitled ‘How do I do It?’ wraps up the analysis with a consideration of how to do things such as answer exam questions and draft contracts. It includes a comprehensive set of more than 100 Problems (including research problems) and Solutions, and a set of hypothetical Sample Contracts.

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