3. Unregistered Land

This chapter focuses on unregistered land. Unregistered land continues to play a residual role in contemporary land law. Although its influence is dwindling, there will remain a core clutch of land for which, for the foreseeable future, there will be no trigger for compulsory registration and it will therefore remain unregistered. An appreciation of the principles of unregistered land gives students better insight into and a more informed angle on the principles of registered land and their effectiveness. Almost 100 years after the 1925 raft of legislation, much of which was designed to facilitate land registration, unregistered land principles retain a significance. The chapter considers how dealings with unregistered land known as ‘title deeds conveyancing’ operate.

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