

Proof

Law

Who must prove what, and how convincingly.

Burden and standard.

Concept	Means
Legal burden	Who must prove the issue overall
Evidential burden	Who must raise enough to put it in play
Beyond reasonable doubt	Criminal standard, on the prosecution
Balance of probabilities	Civil standard, more likely than not
Presumption of innocence	Burden stays with the prosecution

Educational reference. Reverse burdens exist in some offences and are frequently challenged on rights grounds.