existing

ex·ist·ing [existing] *BrE* [ɪɡˈzɪstɪŋ]　*NAmE* [ɪɡˈzɪstɪŋ]　adjective only before noun

found or used now

• New laws will soon replace existing legislation.

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[Word Family: noun: ↑existence ≠ ↑non-existence, ↑existent, ↑existentialism, ↑existentialist, ↑coexistence; adjective: ↑existent ≠ ↑nonexistent, ↑existing, ↑pre-existing, ↑existential, ↑existentialist; verb: ↑exist, ↑coexist]

present or being used now:

　the existing laws

　The service is available to all existing customers.

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THESAURUS

▪ **present** [only before noun] happening or existing now: The present situation could get much worse. | the present century | There are no plans to build more houses here at the present time.

▪ **current** [only before noun] present – used especially about something that is not expected to stay the same for long: current trends in fashion | the current state of the UK economy

▪ **existing** [only before noun] *formal* existing or being used now – used about things or situations that you think may be changed in the future: The existing offices are too small. | The proposal will strengthen existing immigration laws.

▪ **contemporary** [only before noun] used about the art, writing, ideas, society etc that belong to the present time: the impact of computer-generated imagery on contemporary art and design | contemporary music in Russia

▪ **today's/of today** used about conditions and attitudes that exist now, when you are comparing them with those that existed in the past: People struggle to keep up with the pace of life in today's world of instant communications. | the liberal ideology of today

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