

#### Researching VET policy and practice for librarians

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### Aim of this presentation

- Overview of VET research in Australia and overseas
  - extent of VET research
  - current key topics
  - dissemination of VET research
  - impact of VET research on policy and practice
- Key sources of information
  - the range of sources
  - NCVER

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- VOCED
- Roles for librarians in VET research

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Questions?

#### Extent of VET research

Australia

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- Research centres
- Other organisations undertaking research
- Research programs
- Conferences
- Australian VET Research Association (AVETRA)

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- Overseas
  - national organisations
  - international organisations

#### NCVER

# Current key topics in VET research

**NCVER's five themes:** 

- Students and individuals
- Teaching and learning
- Industry and employers
- VET system
- VET in context

National research priorities for 2004:

- Highly skilled workforce
- Employers and individuals at the centre
- Communities and regions strengthened

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Indigenous Australians



### Dissemination of VET research

- Involve stakeholders at the beginning of the research process
- Inform stakeholders about the research during the research process, and keep them involved

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- Explore and use many different delivery mechanisms and formats
- Target particular groups of users
- Develop networks and partnerships



### Relationship between VET research and VET policy and practice

- Importance recognised
- Improvement shown
- Strategic approaches
- Examples of research influencing policy and practice

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# Range of information sources for VET research

- Print resources reference books, reports, journals, etc
- Databases print, electronic, web
- Web resources: sites, documents, electronic journals, databases
- Other internet resources: email lists and on-line discussion groups
- Libraries
- Forums and conferences
- People: networks, special interest groups, committees, consultants
- Organisations and associations (e.g. AITD)



#### World Wide Web

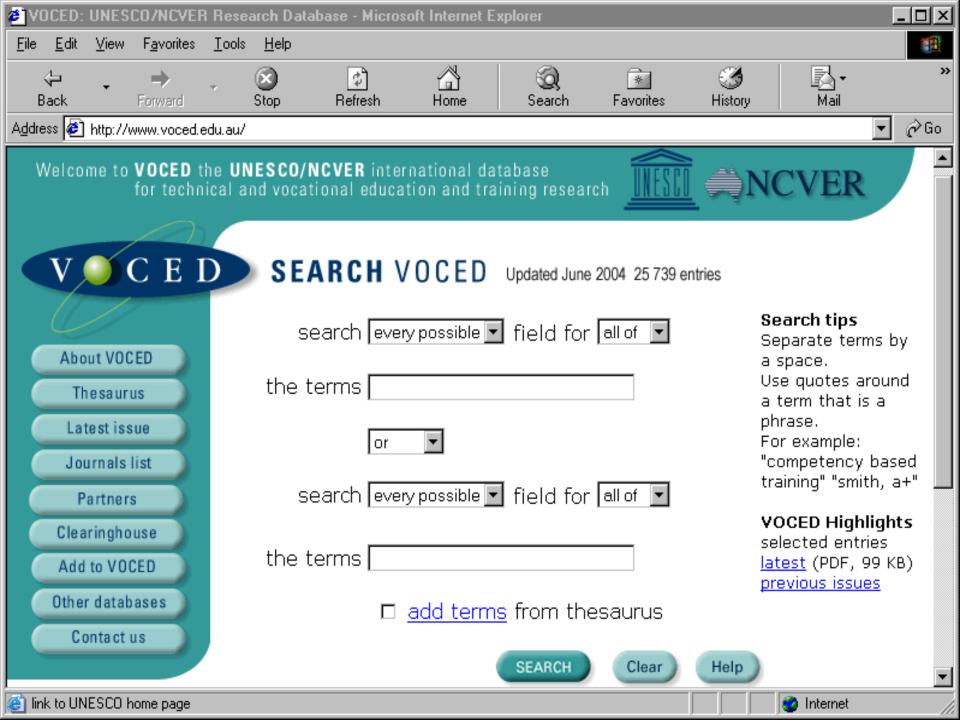
•Major search engines (Alta Vista, Google, Excite)

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- •Major category sites (Yahoo, Netscape Search)
- Subject gateways and portals (EdNA)
- Virtual libraries
- •Organisation web sites
- On-line databases (VOCED, ERIC, ETV)
- On-line bookshops (Amazon)

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## Roles for librarians in VET research

Searching for information

Managing information

Research projects

•Secondary research and librarians - examples at NCVER