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# **VOCEDplus News**

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#### Browse statistical collections

Are you looking for quick access to statistical collections? VOCEDplus has a dedicated webpage where you can access current and archived releases of NCVER's Australian vocational education and training statistical collections. This includes the Apprentices and trainees collection, the Student outcomes survey,

and the VET provider collection, also know as Students and courses.

The webpage also includes links to other key international statistical data and publications and other statistical organisations resources from around the world. Access the webpage the through Browse menu.



# Finding peer reviewed articles

VOCEDplus has over 10,000 peer reviewed articles. Finding peer reviewed items is easy. Once you have run your initial search, use the 'Peer reviewed' filter on the left of the search screen to limit your search results to peer reviewed or refereed items. You will see how many items will be retrieved by the figure in

### brackets:

Peer Reviewed
• Yes (95)

If you are using the <u>Advanced Search</u> function, you can use the Peer-review filter at the bottom of the screen. Just tick the check box before you click Search.

✓ Only Peer Reviewed

Retrieve only peer reviewed objects.

## Need research assistance?

The team behind VOCEDplus also provides reference and research service. Requesting a literature search to be done on your behalf not only saves you time, but it gives you access to our expert staff who have extensive knowledge of the tertiary education sector. Your reference librarian will work closely with you to determine your information needs, and identify the most relevant material. See Our Services information for more including associated fees.

## Report a broken link

If you find a broken link in VOCEDplus, please use the <u>feedback form</u> to let us know. Tell us the page where the link is located and we will fix it. Thank you for helping us maintain the VOCEDplus website.



## Results of the latest poll

Did you know that the number of active mobile phones is expected to reach 7.3billion this year? There will be more mobile phones than people. 2014 will also see the use of smartphones reach 1.75 billion. Smartphone users spend 80% of their time using apps. Apps are powerful, and innovative. and dvnamic. become a way of life for, not only smartphone users, but also tablet users. In 2013, VOCEDplus had 31,250 visits from users of mobile devices, which prompted us to wonder: what if VOCEDplus had its own app for mobile users?

The app would allow users to search and browse the VOCEDplus website through a tailored mobile-friendly interface. The app could also allow users to set up alerts, 'favourite' and share items via social media.

So the second of our occasional mini-polls asked VOCEDplus users exactly this question.

#### Poll

If there was a VOCEDplus app for searching, alerts and more, would you use it?:

C A. Yes

○ B. No

C. Maybe

The results were encouraging.

85% of those who responded indicated that they would use a VOCEDplus app.

Thank you to those who responded to our poll. Based on this finding, the team will now investigate further the feasibility of creating a VOCEDplus app.

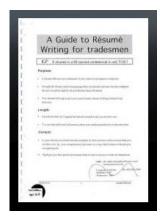
# Submit your work to VOCEDplus

Researchers are encouraged to <u>submit</u> their work to be considered for inclusion in VOCEDplus. This work may be a thesis, a conference paper, or a report. Simply send us the details of the item, and either a copy of the item or a URL for accessing it online.

## 2013 - the year in review

- VOCEDplus now contains over 60,000 items. These include research reports, journals and journal articles, books and book chapters, conference proceedings and papers, working papers, discussion papers, occasional papers, policy documents, survey results, published statistics, podcasts, and theses.
- 5,376 new items were added to VOCEDplus in 2013.
- The VOCEDplus website received 378,554 visits from 219 countries to VOCEDplus. The top five countries were Australia, US, UK, India and Canada.
- Visitors viewed a total of 956,078 pages.
- The most viewed item in the database was <u>Learning styles and pedagogy in</u> <u>post-16 learning: a systematic and</u> <u>critical review.</u>





- The most downloaded item from the repository was <u>A guide to resume writing</u> <u>for tradesmen.</u>
- 2293 document requests were received from around the world. August was the busiest month, with December being the least busy.
- While Australian users request the most documents, 1611 requests came from overseas countries including South Africa, India, Brazil, Egypt, and France.
- We tweeted 4,595 times. Our tweets resulted in 6,219 visits to VOCEDplus.