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## VOCEDplus launches new website

[VOCEDplus](#) has been going through some changes and now has a fresh new look and enhanced functionality.

The [advanced search page](#) offers a simpler guided search and a new expert search tool allows users to interrogate VOCEDplus using more complex searches.

The [Glossary of VET](#) has a new simple search tool to complement the browse functionality.

The VOCEDplus team welcomes your feedback. Responses can be sent to [voced@ncver.edu.au](mailto:voced@ncver.edu.au)

Take a look at the [new site](#) now!

## Improved searching

The [advanced search page](#) now offers two options:

- a guided search
- an expert search

The guided search lets you search in specific fields or a combination of fields and is similar to what was previously offered as the advanced search option. Changes include:

- the author field has been split into personal and corporate authors and are now listed separately
- the subjects and keywords have been merged so they can be searched together, meaning you don't have to know whether the search term is a subject or keyword
- the abstract is available as a searchable field - this is really useful if you want to search for a concept that isn't on our subjects and keywords list such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)

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The expert search allows you to execute complex searches of the VOCEDplus database. You can create your search string using the query builder to select and add VOCEDplus search fields from the drop down list into the search box.

Please consult the [VOCEDplus user guide](#) for help with expert searching.

## Results of the last poll

Our last poll asked our users for their thoughts on the question of 'Which aspect of the apprenticeship experience will improve completions?' Ninety-four votes were received and the results were:

- 5% - increase in wages
- 18% - job and/or learning experience
- 20% - relationships with employers
- 51% - all of the above
- 6% - other

Thank you to those who responded!

## Webinar – VOCEDplus: research with new frills

**Thursday 21 May 2015, 2.30pm-3.30pm AEST**

Join us for this free session demonstrating the new search functionality including guided, expert and glossary searches. This webinar will also provide a refresher on using VOCEDplus to discover current and past research, and information about future developments for VOCEDplus.

[Register online now](#)

## Workshop – VOCEDplus: research with new frills

**Monday 6 July 2015, 1:30-3.00pm, University of Western Sydney**

If you'd prefer a more hands-on experience, join us at the 24<sup>th</sup> *National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'*. Hosted in a computer lab, this professional development workshop provides the perfect opportunity to access VOCEDplus and be guided through the database by one of our experienced team.

[For more information and to register](#)

See *VOCEDplus Highlights* at [www.voced.edu.au/highlights](http://www.voced.edu.au/highlights) to view a snapshot of the latest additions to the database

