

# Informit databases

Databases that can be accessed from the Informit interface include:

A<sup>+</sup> Education  
AGIS Plus Text  
APA-FT - Australian Public Affairs - Full Text  
Informit e-Library  
Family & Society Plus  
Meditext

There are over 80 other databases with Australian content. They can be accessed by clicking on the "Databases" link at the top right of any search or results page and are listed by product, subject or alphabetically.

## Accessing Informit databases

From the Library's Homepage at <http://www.utas.edu.au/library>

- Click on **Finding Information** and select **Databases**
- Click on **I** to bring up the list of databases and click on the link to **Informit** from the list
- Select the databases that you would like to search from the list and click **continue** at the top of the page – they are categorized into broad subject areas such as Agriculture, Art etc – see below.

The screenshot shows the Informit website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Informit logo and the University of Tasmania Library name. Below this is a menu with options: "Databases by Name", "Databases by Subject", "Databases by Compilation", and "Find Relevant Databases". The "Databases by Subject" option is selected, and a sub-menu is displayed with categories: "All", "Agriculture", "Arts", "Asian", "Business", "Education", "Engineering", "Health", "History", "Indigenous", "Law", "Media", "Reference", "Sciences", "Social Sciences", and "Technology". The "Agriculture" category is selected, and a list of databases is shown. Each database entry includes a checkbox, a title, a brief description, and the number of records. A "continue" button is visible at the top right of the database list. On the right side of the page, there is a "Getting Started" section with instructions on how to search for databases.

**Informit**  
University of Tasmania Library

Databases

Databases by Name | Databases by Subject | Databases by Compilation | Find Relevant Databases

All | Agriculture | Arts | Asian | Business | Education | Engineering | Health | History | Indigenous | Law | Media | Reference | Sciences | Social Sciences | Technology

To begin, select one or more databases and press continue.

Select all | Clear all | continue

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Welcome to Informit  
RMIT Publishing's Informit service is the premier source of online full text, multi media and index databases that deliver the majority of Australasian scholarly research to the education, research and business sectors.  
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Getting Started  
**Single database search**  
Search an individual database by clicking its name.  
**Multiple databases search**  
Check the databases you wish to cross search and then click the "Continue" button.  
**Browse titles from a single database**  
Click on "Title List" link next to the database  
**Browse titles from multiple databases**  
Check the databases you wish to browse and then click the "Continue" button. Then click the "Title" tab.  
**Find Relevant Databases**  
Click on "Find Relevant Databases" and enter a search term to search across all available databases.

Agriculture

AHB - Australian Heritage Bibliography  
Covers information on Australia's natural and cultural environment, including national parks, endangered species, wilderness areas, important historical and archaeological sites, historic buildings, structures and towns and is produced by the Australian Heritage Commission.  
35942 records; 1987 - present [More Information](#)

AHB-ATSIS - Australian Heritage Bibliography - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Subset  
Covers Australian natural and cultural environment topics specific to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and is produced by the Australian Heritage Commission.  
6273 records; 1987 - present [More Information](#)

ANR-Index - Agriculture and Natural Resources Index [formerly ABOA and STREAMLINE]  
Covers agriculture and natural resources including sustainable Australian agriculture, food, forestry and fisheries industries and the promotion of conservation and sustainable use of Australia's environment, water and natural resources and is produced by Infoscans.  
21320 records; Archive: 2000 - June 2007 [More Information](#)

ANR-Index Archive - Agriculture and Natural Resources Index Archive  
Covers agriculture and natural resources including sustainable Australian agriculture, food, forestry and fisheries industries and the promotion of conservation and sustainable use of Australia's environment, water and natural resources and is produced by Infoscans.  
139681 records; Archive: 1975 - June 2007 [More Information](#)

ANR-Research - Agriculture and Natural Resources Research  
Covers research in progress projects on agriculture and natural resources areas including sustainable Australian agriculture, food, forestry and fisheries industries and the promotion of conservation and sustainable use of Australia's environment, water and natural resources and is produced by Infoscans.  
3232 records; Archive: 2000 - June 2007 [More Information](#)

ANR-Research Archive - Agriculture and Natural Resources Research Archive  
Covers completed research projects on agriculture and natural resources areas including sustainable Australian agriculture, food, forestry and fisheries industries and the promotion of conservation and sustainable use of Australia's environment, water and natural resources and is produced by Infoscans.  
19724 records; Archive: 1984 - June 2007 [More Information](#)

VPI&E Catalogue - Victorian Primary Industries and Environment (Library) Catalogue [formerly ELIXIR]  
Covers agriculture, mineral resources, conservation and land management/planning and is produced by the Knowledge and Information Branch of the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.  
173587 records; 1990 - present [More Information](#)

## Conducting a search

- In the **Search Query box** enter your first search term or phrase. e.g. university
- In the next box select the area of the records you wish to be searched. e.g. author, title, or subject - **any field** is the default.
- From the dropdown box select AND, OR or NOT
  - **AND** means that **both** terms must appear in the record.
  - **OR** means that **either term** must appear in the record
  - **NOT** means the term **does not** appear in the record

If you wish to add another search term – go to the next row and

- In the **Search Query box** enter your second search term or phrase. e.g. tertiary
- Select the field type (as above)
- Select AND, OR or NOT

If you wish to add another search term – go to the next row and

- In the **Search Query box** enter your third search term or phrase. e.g. policy
- Select the field type (as above)

The screenshot displays the University of Tasmania Library search interface. The top navigation bar includes 'informat' and 'University of Tasmania Library'. The search interface is divided into several sections:

- Search Query:** A text input field containing 'university'.
- Field Selection:** A dropdown menu set to 'Any field'.
- Operator:** A dropdown menu set to 'OR'.
- Field Selection:** A dropdown menu set to 'tertiary'.
- Field Selection:** A dropdown menu set to 'Any field'.
- Operator:** A dropdown menu set to 'AND'.
- Field Selection:** A dropdown menu set to 'policy'.
- Field Selection:** A dropdown menu set to 'Any field'.

Additional features include:

- Search Options:** 'Clear search', 'Search hints', and 'Search' buttons.
- Advanced Search:** 'Add more terms' link.
- Filters:** 'Also Search Full Text of Articles', 'Return Full Content Records Only', and 'Date Range' (2005 to 2009).
- Help/Logout:** Links in the top right corner.
- Text size:** A link to adjust text size.
- Manage Search History:** A link to view search history.

The footer contains the text: 'Informat v3.2 Copyright © 2008 RMIT Publishing | Informat | About'.

If you would like to enter more search terms you can add further search boxes by clicking on [+ Add more terms](#)

## Expanding/Limiting

- You can expand the search by ticking **“Also search Full Text of Articles”**
- You can limit to **“Full Content Records Only”**, where available.
- You can select a **“Date Range”** to be searched eg. 2005 to 2009 or use the default, the widest date range.

Once you have set up all of your terms click on

Search

## Truncation and Wildcards

**Truncation** - Use an asterisk (\*) after a root word to find all the alternative endings for this word. (e.g. behav\* would find behaviour, behavior, behavioural, etc.)

**Wildcards** - Use a question mark (?) to replace a character anywhere within a word. (e.g. wom?n will find woman and women.)

## Search Results

A list of **search results** is displayed.

- Click on the **Complete Record** link to open the full record of an article.
- Some records may have a link to the **Full Text PDF** version of the article.

The screenshot shows the Informit search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Help' and 'Logout', and the 'University of Tasmania Library' logo. The main search area includes a search bar with the query '(university) OR (tertiary) AND (policy)' and a 'Results found: 4589' indicator. Below the search bar, there are three search results. Each result includes a title, author(s), source, and document type. The first result is 'Policy driving change in doctoral education: an Australian case study' by Neumann, Ruth. The second is 'The Experience of Welfare Receipt: Depression, Demoralisation and Despair?' by Butterworth, Peter. The third is 'Australia's GuestWorker Revolution' by Castles, Stephen; Mares, Peter. A 'Full Text PDF' link is visible for the second result. The right sidebar contains search filters and options like 'Also Search Full Text of Articles' and 'Return Full Content Records Only'. There are also arrows pointing to specific links in the results.

## Saving, printing and emailing records

Mark the records that you want to save/print/email by clicking in the box by the record number.

- Click on the **Save, Print or Email links** at the top right of the list.

To **Save** or **Print** your records:

- Select **which records** are to be saved
- Select the **Fields to Save**
- Select the **Field label format**
- Select the **Output format**
- Click on **Save Records or Print Records**

To **Email**

- Select the same options above and,
- Fill in your email address.

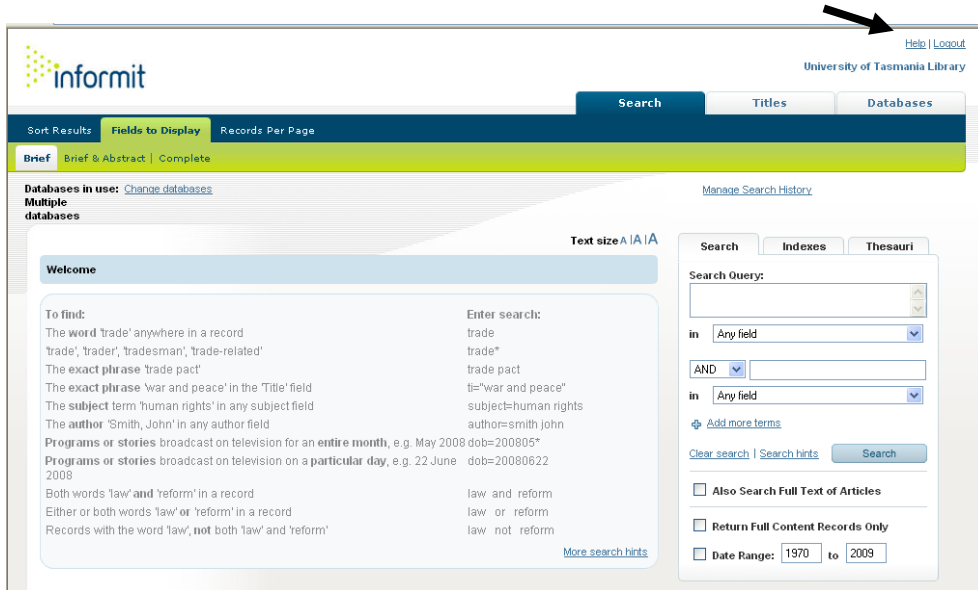
## Combining searches

- Click on **Manage Search History** tab above the search boxes on the right of the screen
- To combine searches click in the box by the **Search Set** number
- Select an action from the links available in the blue banner
  - Reuse checked
  - Combine using OR
  - Combine using AND

The screenshot displays the Informit search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Search', 'Titles', and 'Databases'. Below this, there are options for 'Sort Results', 'Fields to Display', and 'Records Per Page'. A blue banner contains 'Search History' and 'Manage Search History' links. The 'Search History' section shows a table with columns for 'Set', 'Recs', 'Query', and 'Limits'. A table with one row is visible, showing set #1 with 4589 records and a query '(university) OR (tertiary) AND (policy)'. A blue banner above the table offers actions: 'Re-use checked', 'Combine using OR', and 'Combine using AND'. On the right, a search panel includes a 'Search Query' input field, dropdown menus for 'in' and 'AND', and a 'Search' button. Below the search panel are checkboxes for 'Also Search Full Text of Articles', 'Return Full Content Records Only', and a 'Date Range' selector set to 2005 to 2009. Two black arrows point to the checkbox in the 'Set' column and the 'Combine using OR' link in the blue banner.

Set	Recs	Query	Limits
#1	4589	(university) OR (tertiary) AND (policy)	2005-2009

For more help see the Informit online Help . You can access this by clicking on the **Help** link in the top right hand corner of the Informit screen (see below). Or, ask a librarian.



The screenshot shows the Informit search interface. At the top right, there is a 'Help | Logout' link. Below the Informit logo, there are navigation tabs for 'Search', 'Titles', and 'Databases'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Sort Results', 'Fields to Display', and 'Records Per Page'. Below this, there are options for 'Brief', 'Brief & Abstract', and 'Complete'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Databases in use: Multiple databases', 'Welcome', a search guide table, and a search form. The search form includes a 'Search Query' input field, dropdown menus for 'in' and 'AND', and checkboxes for 'Also Search Full Text of Articles', 'Return Full Content Records Only', and 'Date Range' (1970 to 2009). A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the search form.

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Search | Titles | Databases

Sort Results | Fields to Display | Records Per Page

Brief | Brief & Abstract | Complete

Databases in use: [Change databases](#) | [Manage Search History](#)

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**Welcome**

To find:	Enter search:
The word 'trade' anywhere in a record	trade
'trade', 'trader', 'tradesman', 'trade-related'	trade*
The exact phrase 'trade pact'	trade pact
The exact phrase 'war and peace' in the 'Title' field	ti="war and peace"
The subject term 'human rights' in any subject field	subject=human rights
The author 'Smith, John' in any author field	author=smith john
Programs or stories broadcast on television for an entire month, e.g. May 2008	dob=200805*
Programs or stories broadcast on television on a particular day, e.g. 22 June 2008	dob=20080622
Both words 'law' and 'reform' in a record	law and reform
Either or both words 'law' or 'reform' in a record	law or reform
Records with the word 'law', not both 'law' and 'reform'	law not reform

[More search hints](#)

Search | Indexes | Thesauri

Search Query:

in

AND

in

[Add more terms](#)

[Clear search](#) | [Search hints](#) |

Also Search Full Text of Articles

Return Full Content Records Only

Date Range:  to