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## 1. Introduction

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The African Journal Archive is fully integrated into SA ePublications which brings the combined total of full-text articles to almost 350 000.

The record information (metadata) of the complete SA ePublications is available to all. Anyone can search over the full complement of SA ePublications and will only need authentication when accessing the full text of articles from subscription-based journal titles.

## 2. Recommended browsers

We support the following browsers on Windows and Macintosh platforms:

- IE 7.0 and above
- Firefox 3.0 and above

You should find that all pages are functional in all of the above browsers. However, no two browsers or different versions of a single browser will render all pages identically. We recommend that you install the latest version of your preferred browser.

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From here the following options will allow direct access to the system:

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This provides an easy Google-like search option to search across all the full text content within the SA ePublications service. It is available at the top right hand corner of the page.

- You can either hit Enter or click on the Go button to execute your search
- You can start a new search at any time by typing in a new keyword or phrase into the search box which is static and appears on each page
- You can modify your search by clicking on the option on your results page:

3.2. Advanced search

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Enter one or more search criteria below. Boolean AND, OR and NOT are supported (e.g. higgs AND boson). Use quotation marks (""") to find an exact phrase (e.g. “higgs boson”). Use asterisks to match partial words in fields (e.g. neut*). For proximity searching, use the operators of the title (—) and a number to specify the number of words.

Search

SEARCH BETWEEN THESE DATES:
From: [ ] To: [ ]

SORT RESULTS BY:
Relevance

FILTER BY COLLECTIONS:
- All collections
- African Journal Archive
- Medicine & Health
- Business & Finance
- Religion
- Education
- Social Sciences & Humanities
- Labour
- Science Technology & Agriculture

FILTER BY ACCESS TYPES:
- All access types
- Open Access
- Subscribed titles

FILTER BY ACCREDITATIONS:
- All accreditation
- UCT
- UCT Science
- UCT Social Science

You will be able to add more fields by clicking on the plus sign.
You can change the field type by clicking on the dropdown menu under All fields. The following fields are available for you to select:

You can exclude full text from your search by clicking on the Exclude full text? tick box.

You can select to only search on your subscribed titles by selecting the Subscribed titles in the FILTER BY ACCESS TYPES section.

There are a number of filters available which will assist you in retrieving more relevant results.

3.3. Search across a collection
You will be able to easily search across a specific collection.
Select the collection from the Collections dropdown menu option on the home page.

Once you have selected a collection e.g. Business and Finance you will now see that the search box in the right hand corner changed to Search this Collection. You will now be able to only search content within this collection.
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3.4. Search within a journal title
You can select a specific journal title and only search within that specific title.

When on the A-Z Publications menu (on the home page), you can select a journal title from the A-Z index of journals.

When you are on the landing page of a specific journal title, you will see that the search box changed to Search this Journal. This allows you to search only within this specific journal.

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3.5. Browse by Topic
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Keywords: This option allows you to find keywords mentioned in any part of a document, e.g. the full text of the document (if present) or the title of the document
- If for example you are looking for information on the SKA project underway in the Karoo region, you could search with the following terms: ska astronomy
- Keyword searching will locate any category of information that is typed in the Keywords search box, e.g. journal title, author affiliation, etc.

Exact Phrase: This allows you to find words typed in that exact order in your results.
- Please note that the double inverted commas (" ") should be used for this purpose
- Should you wish to search for two exact phrases, use the Advanced Search screen as follows:

- Searching by exact phrase will result in fewer but more applicable results

Boolean searching: This option allows you to combine words in specific ways.
- AND: This is the system default, meaning that in your search strings in the keywords fields you do not have to type the word AND. For example if you are looking for environment AND tourism you can just type in the words environment tourism in the search field. The system will look for the documents which contain both these words
4. Search Guidance and Tips

4.1. Boolean Searching (AND, OR, NOT)
This is possible with the Search box as well as on the Advanced Search screen. Note that there is no need to type the Boolean AND because the system defaults to it. Also note that you must type the AND, OR and NOT, in capital letters for them to be recognised as Boolean operators within your search string.

On the Advanced Search screen you will be able to add as many Boolean fields as you wish and you can select whether you want AND, OR or NOT.

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- OR: If you type in or select the word OR, you will get results with either one of the search terms
- NOT: This will exclude certain keywords or numbers totally from your search. For example labour relations NOT unions

NOTE: When using OR / NOT, the OR or the NOT should be typed in UPPERCASE.

- Proximity: use the ~ to search for words within a certain proximity of each other. For example if you type “meat tenderness” ~4 in the title field, the results will show articles with titles where these words appear within 4 words of one another. Please remember to place keywords in double inverted commas (“ ”) and to put a space before the ~
- Truncation: The system allows you to search for all variations of the same word by making use of a wildcard character (*). If you for example search for “regio”, the search results will find records containing region, regions, regional etc.

Dates: Restricting your search by dates on the Advanced Search screen can be very valuable to obtain the correct information.
Modify search: Click on the Modify search button to modify your current search.
New search: Make use of the search box in the right hand top corner to start a new search from any page.

5. Search results

The following is an example of a search result screen displaying results from a specific search for labour law and legislation:

Results can be sorted by Relevance, Newest first, Oldest first
To modify your search click on the Modify this search button
You can refine your result set by making use of the various FILTER BY options available on the left
You can share your result set via various options
You can export citations
You can select all or some of your results and email it, print it or share it
You can also start a new search by making use of the search box at the top of the page
Should you click on the More within the specific record you will see more information about that record and you will have functionality available such as download the document directly, add it to your favourites and email it
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- You can share your result set via various options
- You can export citations
- You can select all or some of your results and email it, print it or share it
- You can also start a new search by making use of the search box at the top of the page
- Should you click on the More within the specific record you will see more information about that record and you will have functionality available such as download the document directly, add it to your favourites and email it.
6. How to email results

You can email your search results by ticking the box next to the results to select, and then clicking on the Email Selected Items link:

A pop-up will appear where you can add multiple email addresses separated by a comma, and a subject. A success message will appear once the results have been emailed.

7. Access Keys

There are 4 types of access keys available for easy reference of what type of content has been retrieved in your result set:

- **Titles Subscribed To (S)** are journal titles which your institution or you are subscribing to and all the full text will be available for you to download
- **Open Access Content (OA)** is open access titles and all articles will be available for you to download
- **Free Trial Content (T)** is content that is made available on a trial access to a specific institution
- **Titles Not Subscribed To (N)** are journal titles which are subscription titles but you or your institution are not subscribed to it and therefore only the metadata and abstract will be available to you. The article will however be available to obtain via an e-commerce purchase option

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The following export formats are available: Bibtex, EndNote, Zotero, Plain text, Refworks, and Mendeley. Please ensure that you have these programmes installed.
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The various share options and tools are also available on the result page.

11. My Profile
"My Profile" is your personal space where you have additional functionality available. Non-subscribers can also manage their account details and orders here. To access your details, click My Profile at the top right of any page. You have to register to create your user profile which will be your personal profile with your own user name and password:

After you have created a profile you can sign in to your profile and you will have the following functionality:

- Profile & Favourites
- Searches & Alerts
- Content & Orders

My Profile:
From here, you can set up email alerts, save your searches, view your orders and update your personal details. You can get back to this page at any time by clicking on 'My Profile' in the right hand column.
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  - Searches
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- Content & orders
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  - Subscriptions
  - Orders
    - My orders
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You can view and manage your favourites
You can manage your alerts, RSS, Social bookmarks
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Update your profile details, change your profile sign-in details
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You can create various alerts to assist you to keep up with new content loaded as well as corrections which are done.

Email Alerts:
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You can manage your alerts, RSS, Social bookmarks
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Select the journal and choose your frequency option.

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A user who is accessing via an institution’s IP access and wishes to be able to make use of this service off campus, should make use of the “Connect Device” option on the right hand side of each page.

- The user needs to enter his/her email to register for pairing
- The email should belong to the valid domain (please contact info@sabinet.co.za for more information)
- The user follows the link sent while on their laptop/tablet/phone
- This registers the device against the account and a security cookie is enabled on the user’s device.
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