



National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd

Data Access and Charging Policy

Background

1. NCVER provides statistical and library information services to a range of internal and external users at marginal cost for the purposes of research.

Aim

2. To set out the principles for accessing and charging for NCVER statistical data and library information services.

Policy

3. There are two broad principles governing access to data and library information. The first is that access needs to protect the confidentiality of the data. This principle is spelt out in a separate document approved and endorsed by the the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE) in November 2010, *Protocols for the Collection and Reporting of VET Statistical Information*.
4. The second principle is that users will be charged the marginal cost of providing the data or library information. The implication of this principle is that users are not charged for the infrastructure provided under the statistical program and research management contracts, but are charged for labour and materials for the provision of data or library information.
5. It should be noted that NCVER undertakes research itself and commercial consultancies. NCVER's policy is that external users will have access to the data and library information for these purposes under the same terms and conditions as NCVER. This includes any charges for access to the data and library information.
6. There are fees associated with accessing data and library information from NCVER. These fees are applicable to information that is over and above what is freely available on the NCVER website.
7. The procedure and charge-out rate for access to NCVER statistical data and library information services is spelt out in a separate procedure document, NCVER Data Access and Charging Policy.