

PAPER:

***THE USE OF SELF-ACCESS MATERIALS
IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING***

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Abstract:

The research on which this report was based focussed on identifying the reasons for the effectiveness of self access materials currently used in on-the-job vocational education and training across Australia, including videos, on line materials, interactive CD ROM and print based materials.

The research found that in all cases the success of such materials depends on the amount of support provided by workplace mentors or trainers, and the extent to which the materials take into account the characteristics of the workers.

The report is also significant as it presents a range of case studies of effective on-the-job training practices in eight different industries (ie: Forest and Forest Products, Childcare, Food Processing, Rural, Retail, Finance, Building and Construction and Property Services). The case studies of effective practice record the circumstances that apply to the particular enterprises that are providing the training.