



Finding Government Publications

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Objectives

- 1 Finding Government Publications in the Library
- 2 Online Canadian Government Publications
- 3 Online UN Publications

Challenge!

- Find government publications on

Child labour in developing countries

What did you do?

- What terms did you use?
- How do you know it's a government publication?
- Why do we care about government publications?

Finding Print Government Publications

- Use the library catalogue
- Search by title/journal title
- Search by author
- Search by author/title keyword
- Search by subject keyword (1995 to the present)
- Search by keyword(s) anywhere
- Limit to government publications

Tips and Tricks

- Identify main concepts
 - ✓ child labour
 - ✓ Developing countries

- Think of synonyms (advanced search)
 - ✓ child **or** youth

- Phrase searching
 - ✓ “developing countries”

CODOC

Aspirations of Canadian youth for higher education

Country Code

CA = Canada

UK = United Kingdom

UN = United Nations

US = United States

Year of Publication

CA 1

Level of Gov.

1 = Federal

2 = Provincial

3 = Region

4 = Municipal

HR 315

Identifies Department

Human Resources

and skills development

2004

A71

Title identifier

CODOC

- Co-operative Documents (Project)
- 11 Academic libraries in the 1970s
- Classification system was developed specifically for government documents and allows them to be shelved alphabetically by country or organization, then by level of government (federal, provincial, municipal, etc.) and then by department, division and branch (Human Resources and Skills Development, Ministry of Labour)

Hint:

- It helps to know the structure of the government
- Ask yourself:
 - Which department might be responsible for this information?
- Careful! Department or Ministry names can change
 - Labour Department
 - Human Resources and Development Canada
 - Human Resources and Social Development



Save Time!

- Be sure to check
 - location
 - which library?
 - which collection?
 - use Book Location Guide to find the right floor
 - status
 - checked out
 - reserve
 - non-circulating
- Gov Pubs are sometimes non-circulating (check for barcode!)



Online Government Information

- How to Find page on library homepage

Online Government Information

- Guides
 - Finding gov pubs in Mills
 - Broader guide
- Hot Docs!
- Gov Pubs on the Web
 - Major Government Portals, not individual items

Online Canadian Gov Pubs

- McMaster Resources
 - Canadian Research Index
 - CBCA
 - CPI.Q
 - Lexis Nexis
- Statistics Canada – www.statcan.ca
- Canada Government – www.gc.ca
- Parliament of Canada – www.parl.gc.ca
- Canadian Depository Program
<http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/index-e.html>

Statistics

- Statistics Canada www.statcan.ca
- Estat – census and survey data
- Cansim – survey data

Using Search Engines to Find e-Gov Pubs

- Advanced Google/Google Scholar Search
 - Limit .gc.ca, .gov.on.ca, .gov, .mil
- Google Uncle Sam

McMaster's Online UN Documents

- AccessUN

- SourceOECD

- Secondary Sources:
 - PAIS International
 - Columbia International Affairs Online
 - Social Sciences Index

AccessUN

- Contains official UN Documents
 - Sales publications
 - Periodicals
 - Mastheads
 - Official Records
 - Draft Resolutions
 - Meeting Records
 - UN Treaty Series

- Current and Retrospective Documents
 - 1946 - present



Searching AccessUN

Access on campus and from home using MacID

➤ Search by

- Keywords
- Subjects
- Title
- Number

➤ Limit by

- Format
- Year
- Full Text

Help!

- Lost? Check out the Help section for info on:
 - Searching
 - Subject headings
 - UN Documentation Numbers
 - Citing from AccessUN

Your Turn!

➤ Try to find documents on

**Discrimination of women in the
workforce**

War on Terrorism

Finding Docs from AccessUN

- Some available fulltext
- Write down UN Document Number
- All UN microfiche are on 2nd floor cabinets
(JX 1977 .A2)

What do those numbers mean?

- First Part
 - The parent organ issuing the document or to which the document is submitted
- Second Part
 - The subsidiary body
- Last Part
 - Type of document and number

UN Document Number exs.

➤ A/59/597

- A = General Assembly
- 59 = Session Number
(year)
- 597 = Document number

➤ A/RES/59/194

- A = General Assembly
- RES = Resolution
- 59 = Session number
(year)
- 194 = Document number

More Examples can be found in the
UN Documentation Centre Research Guide

SourceOECD

- Publications of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Includes monographs and statistics
- Good for employment

UN Docs on the Web

- [ILO](#)
- [UNBISNET](#)
- [ODS](#)
- [UN Documentation Centre](#)
- [UN Publications](#)
- [United Nations](#)
- [UN Pulse](#)



Conclusion

- Questions?
- Remember
 - ask for help if you need it!

Library homepage - Need
Help? Just Ask!

