

## Guide to Using the PIAAC Research Database

### Search Instructions:

**Basic Search guide**: Use this option to access broad search results.

- 1: To view all available papers, leave the Search field empty and click on the blue Search button. The papers will be listed alphabetically by title.
- 2: Searching for a term of interest will produce all papers that include your search term in any field (title, topic, author, publisher, and the body) of the paper.
- 3: Entering multiple search terms, such as *health literacy*, will produce all papers that include **either** *health* **or** *literacy*, as well as all papers that include *health literacy* as a combined term.

**Advanced Search guide**: Use this option to narrow your search and access targeted results.

Please note that papers in this database are tagged manually with one or more topics **most** relevant to the content of the paper. Each topic covers related terms and concepts that are not shown in the list – [click here](#) to view the related areas covered under each topic. Each paper may have more than one selected topic, which are intended to cover the main areas in the paper. The list of topics appears at the bottom of each result's short summary.

- 1: Search by title, author name(s), topic, and/or year to narrow your search.
- 2: Search by Topic: Select any topic from the list to access related results. You may select more than one topic to view research papers that are tagged with more than one

topics. For example, selecting *health literacy* and *ageing/older adult* produces papers pertaining to health literacy among ageing/older adults.

3: Search by Date: Narrow your results by searching for papers that were published during a specific year.

4. Title, author, and publisher: Authors are listed with last names first to allow for alphabetical sorting of results. Typing the first few letters in one of these fields provides a list of title, author, and publisher names starting with these letters.

5. To view more details, and to download individual research papers and/or their accompanying data, click **View Details**.

6: Select **clear search** to reset your current search.