

# System notification

## Fatal facts search tool enhancements

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The NCIS Unit has implemented several enhancements to the Fatal facts search screens to improve the tool’s functionality and user experience.

Fatal fact search is a separate database from the NCIS. Fatal facts search is publicly available on the [NCIS website](#).

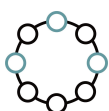
Search tool enhancement #1	
Title	Search by multiple jurisdictions
Description	The previous <i>Jurisdiction of investigation</i> search option provided a drop-down list of jurisdictions only. Users could only select one jurisdiction or all jurisdictions. This functionality has been replaced with a tick box selection
Why did we make the change?	To allow users to select multiple jurisdictions for their search
Change result	The <i>Jurisdiction of investigation</i> search option appears as a series of tick boxes. The option is set to ‘All jurisdictions’ by default

**Jurisdiction of investigation:**  All Jurisdictions  NSW  VIC  QLD  SA  WA  TAS  NT  ACT


Search tool enhancement #2	
Title	Search by multiple years
Description	The previous <i>Year of notification</i> search option provided a drop-down list of years only. Users could only select one year or all years. This functionality has been replaced with ‘start’ and ‘end’ year options
Why did we make the change?	To allow users to select a year range for their search
Change result	The <i>Year of notification</i> search options appear with ‘start’ and ‘end’ year options. The options are set to the earliest and latest available years by default

**Year of notification (start):** 2000  **Year of notification (end):** 2022

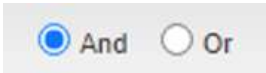
Search tool enhancement #3	
Title	Search without selecting a category tag



## Search tool enhancement #3

Description	The previous <i>Category tag</i> search option required users to select at least one tag to conduct a search. This requirement has been removed
Why did we make the change?	Requiring a <i>Category tag</i> selection was prohibitive to users wishing to return all case summaries for the relevant jurisdiction(s) or year(s)
Change result	<p>No <i>Category tag</i> selection is required to initiate a search. Only <i>Jurisdiction of investigation</i> and <i>Year of notification</i> values are required. Where a search produces more than 100 results, the results will be displayed across multiple results pages. Users can navigate using arrow buttons</p> 

## Search tool enhancement #4

Title	'And/or' function for category tag searches
Description	The previous <i>Category tag</i> search option automatically applied 'or' logic where multiple tags were selected. An 'and/or' option for <i>Category tag</i> selections has been added
Why did we make the change?	To allow users to customise <i>Category tag</i> searches depending on whether they wish to return case summaries with <u>all</u> the selected tags or <u>any</u> of the selected tags applied
Change result	<p>An 'and/or' option sits alongside the <i>Category tag</i> options. Users must select either 'and' or 'or' to conduct a search. The option is set to 'and' by default</p> 

## Search tool enhancement #5

Title	Open documents in new tab
Description	The tool previously automatically downloaded case summary documents when clicked on by the user. Auto-downloads have been removed. Case summary documents now open in a new tab
Why did we make the change?	To remove the need for downloaded documents to be opened to review their contents, and to avoid documents downloading to a user's device
Change result	When a user clicks on a case summary document, it will automatically open in a new tab

## Search tool enhancement #6

Title	Remove export function
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### Search tool enhancement #6

Description	The previous function to export all search results (in .csv, .xls or .pdf format) was not operative. This function has been removed
Why did we make the change?	The export functions available in the tool were not operative, and were not required to download case summary documents
Change result	There is no export function available for search results

### Search tool enhancement #7

Title	Update column headers in search results screen
Description	Previous column headers in the Fatal facts search results screen were out of date. Column headers have been updated
Why did we make the change?	To align names of column headers with the relevant search functionality or purpose
Change result	Column headers have been updated to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdiction</li> <li>• Year of notification</li> <li>• Description</li> <li>• Case summary</li> <li>• Access case</li> <li>• Category tags</li> </ul>

### Search tool enhancement #8

Title	Add information boxes
Description	The previous search tool did not contain explanations of the tool's functionality or advice to users regarding conducting a search. Help icons with relevant information have been added
Why did we make the change?	To assist users in interpreting search tool functionality
Change result	Help icons are available for the following search functions: <i>Jurisdiction of investigation</i> , <i>Year of notification</i> , <i>Category tags</i> and <i>And/or</i> search function  

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