

Internet job searches on top

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A new international workplace survey has found that Australian job seekers topped a list of countries in their use of the internet to find jobs, with the majority finding their most recent position online.

Online recruitment eclipsed all other forms of recruitment, including direct approaches, newspaper advertising and 'word of mouth', according to the international survey.

The survey also found that more than a quarter of Australians have concerns about how they perform during face-to-face interviews, while one in three have doubts as to whether their CV presents them to potential employers in the best possible way.

The Kelly Services global survey sought the views of more than 115,000 people in 33 countries, including almost 19,000 in Australia, on a wide range of issues about how they find work and how they deal with aspects of the recruitment process.

Survey snapshot

- A majority of job seekers in Australia (54%) found their most recent job online – the highest of any country surveyed. Significantly the top six were all from the Asia Pacific region, second was Thailand with 52% and New Zealand was equal fifth with 43%.
- 8% admit they have been untruthful on their CV.
- 37% have doubts about whether their CV presents them in the best possible way.
- 27% have doubts about how they perform in face-to-face job interviews.
- 62% nominate 'waiting for a response' as the worst part of the recruitment process.
- 80% say employers treat them fairly in interviews.