I just purchased access to a licensed database, what do I do now?

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Applies to

- WorldCat Discovery
- WorldShare Collection Manager

Answer

1. **Activate the databases** to search in WorldCat Discovery
   - This is done through [Service Configuration > Metasearch Content > Default Databases and Licensed Content](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Troubleshooting/I_just_purchased_access_to…)
   - Refer to the [Available collections and database list](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Troubleshooting/I_just_purchased_access_to…) to see if your database is available through OCLC and which tab you will find it under
   - Note: It is not recommended that you toggle **Treat as Held** to on.

2. Take this opportunity to look at your [Configured Database Groups](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Troubleshooting/I_just_purchased_access_to…) and add the new database to your searching.

3. **Add the Knowledge Base Collection in Collection Manager**
   - Through [Metadata > Collection Manager](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Troubleshooting/I_just_purchased_access_to…) search for the collection with **My Selected Collections** unchecked
   - Click **Select** on the relevant collection

4. **Check if you need to configure Provider Settings**

Note that it can take up to 48 hours for indexing to complete so you can access the links.