

APA – INTERNATIONAL STYLE FOR FORMATTING SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

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Citations. General Provisions:

In-text citation:

- if you frequently mention someone's work in your publication;
- if you directly quote someone's work;
- if you paraphrase someone.

An in-text citation includes:

- the surname of the author or authors (in the order they are listed in the actual publication), followed by the year of publication of the source;
- page or paragraph numbers for a direct quote and for paraphrasing, where appropriate.

The reference is placed immediately after the quoted text.

When citing or referencing a source that is cited in a second, secondary reference, indicate the source with the reference data of the secondary reference: for example, Smith (as cited in Jones, 2010).

Reference List. General Requirements:

- the list of references should start on a new page and be given the title "References", which should be placed in the middle of the page;

- the list has a hanging indent and double spacing, where the first line of each reference is aligned to the left margin, while all subsequent lines are indented to the right. The indent should be 5–7 spaces or 1.25 cm. These parameters are set using text editors;

- all references from the reference list must be cited in the text;

- all references cited in the text must also be included in the reference list (exception – unpublished materials);

- references in the list are arranged in alphabetical order by the authors' surnames;

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If the publication has	List of authors in the reference list
Author, A. A. = Author, A. A.	
One author	Author, A. A.
Two authors	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B.
From three to seven authors	Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D.D., Author, E. E., Author, F. F., & Author, G. G.
Eight or more authors – list the first six authors, then an ellipsis and the last author	Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D.D., Author, E. E., Author, F. F.,...Author, Z. Z.
No author	Ownership transferred
Group of authors	Spell out the authors' surnames

Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and URL

The Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is a unique code and must be displayed in the reference if it is available. It is an alphanumeric code, usually found on the first page along with other elements provided in print and electronic resources. If the DOI identifier is missing, information about the URL link should be provided. The description of printed resources must also display the DOI identifier.

Example:

In-text citations. Example:

In-text citation	
One author	...This was seen in an Australian study (Conger, 1979). <i>Or</i> Conger (1979) has argued that... <i>or</i> In 1979, Conger conducted a study which showed that...
Two authors	...(Davidson & Harrington, 2002). <i>or</i> Davidson and Harrington (2002)...
From three to five authors	Display all names and the year of publication the first time; for subsequent citations or mentions of these authors – only the first name et al. <i>First citation:</i> ...(Brown, Smith, & Jones, 1990) or Brown, Smith, and Jones (1990)... <i>Subsequent citations:</i> ...(Brown et al., 1990) or Brown et al. (1990)...
Six or more authors	Display only the surname of the first author et al. and the year of publication for the first citation. In the reference list, display all six surnames et al. (if there are more surnames). ... (Jones et al., 2003) or Jones et al. (2003)...
Different authors: identical surnames	Add the authors' initials to distinguish them: P.R. Smith (1923) to distinguish from S. Smith (1945)... (Jones & S.A. Brown, 1961) to distinguish from (W.O. Brown & Smith, 1985).
Multiple authors: ambiguous citations	For repeated citations of authors with identical surnames, add the surnames of co-authors to distinguish: ...(Brown, Smith, et al., 1998) to distinguish from (Brown, Taylor, et al., 1998).
Multiple works: one author	When citing together, display the author's surname, followed by the years of each publication, separated by a comma:

	... (Stairs, 1992, 1993) or Stairs (1992, 1993)...
Multiple works: one author and one year	<p><i>For multiple citations of the same author and the same year of publication, add a lowercase letter suffix to the years of publication (a, b, c, etc.). The assignment of suffixes is determined by the order of the references in the reference list. Suffixes are also included in the reference list, and these references are listed alphabetically by title. When citing multiple times in one place in the text, the list of suffixes is arranged as shown below.</i></p> <p>Stairs (1992b)... later in the text ... (Stairs, 1992a). ... (Stairs, 1992a, 1992b).</p>
Author – anonymous	<p>Use "Anonymous" as the author's name. ... (Anonymous, 1997).</p>
Unknown author	<p><i>Provide the first few words of the title. When using a quote from an article or chapter, enclose the title of the article or chapter in quotation marks. When using a quote from a periodical, book, brochure, or report, italicize the title of the publication.</i></p> <p>...the worst election loss in the party's history ("This is the end," 1968).</p>
Corporation or group of authors	<p><i>For the first citation, provide the full name of the organization, with the abbreviation in square brackets:</i></p> <p>... (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare [AIHW], 2005) <i>thereafter...</i> (AIHW, 2005).</p> <p><i>If the abbreviation is not widely known, provide the full name for each citation:</i></p> <p>... (Australian Research Council, 1996).</p>
Multiple references	<p><i>Compile the list of references in alphabetical order, separated by a semicolon:...</i> (Burst, 1995; Turner & Hooch, 1982; Zane, 1976).</p>
References to specific parts of a source	<p><i>Provide page numbers for direct quotes. Indicate the page, chapter, figure, table, etc., as precisely as possible. Use standard abbreviations, for example, p. for page, para. for paragraph.</i></p> <p>As one writer put it "the darkest days were still ahead" (Weston, 1988, p. 45). Weston (1988) argued that "the darkest days were still ahead" (p. 45).</p>

	This theory was put forward by Smith (2005, chap. 7).
Citing an electronic source	<i>When unable to provide page numbers, provide paragraph numbers:</i> ...(Sturt, 2001, para. 2)
Personal communication: for e-mail and other "unrecoverable" data	<i>Personal communications are not included in the reference list:</i> ... (R. Smith, personal communication, January 28, 2002). R. Smith (personal communication, January 28, 2002)...
Citing secondary sources (i.e., a source mentioned in another publication)	<i>The list should only include details of the source you actually read – not the original source. In the example below, the original source is Farrow (1968), which you saw cited in Ward and Decan (1988).</i> ... (Farrow, 1968, as cited in Ward & Decan, 1988). Farrow (1968, as cited in Ward & Decan, 1988) ... Ward and Decan (1988) cited Farrow (1968) as finding...

Formatting the Reference List

Scientific articles:

Article type	Examples of description in the reference list
	Author, A. A. = Author, A. A.
If there is a DOI	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, issue number (application number), pages of the article. doi: xxxx
One author	Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. <i>Psychological Bulletin</i> , 126(6), 910–924. doi: 10.1037//0033-2909.126.6.910.
Two to seven authors	Bechara, A., Damasio, H., & Damasio A. R. (2000). Emotion, decision making and the orbitofrontal cortex. <i>Cerebral Cortex</i> , 10(3), 295-307. doi:10.1093/cercor/10.3.295
More than eight authors	Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., ...Griffin, W. A. (2000). An experimental evaluation of theory-based mother and mother-child programs for children of divorce. <i>Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology</i> , 68(5), 843–856. doi:10.1037//0022-006X.68.5.843

If there is no DOI, but there is online access to the article. Indicate the URL of the journal's homepage	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, issue number (application number), pages of the article. Retrieved from URL Trankle, S. A., & Haw, J. (2009). Predicting Australian health behaviour from health beliefs. <i>Electronic Journal of Applied Psychology</i> , 5(2), 9–17. Retrieved from http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap/
If there is no DOI, and the article has a printed version	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, issue number (application number), pages of the article. Crowden, A. (2008). Professional boundaries and the ethics of dual and multiple overlapping relationships in psychotherapy. <i>Monash Bioethics Review</i> , 27(4), 10–27.

Magazine articles:

Article type	Examples of description in the reference list
Online access	Author, A. A. (year, month of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Magazine, issue number, volume (application number), pages of the article. Retrieved from URL Novotney, A. (2010, January). Integrated care is nothing new for these psychologists. <i>Monitor on Psychology</i> , 41(1). Retrieved from www.apa.org/monitor
Print	Author, A. A. (year, month of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Magazine, issue number, volume (application number), pages of the article. Wilson, D. S., & Wilson, E. O. (2007, November 3). Survival of the selfless. <i>NewScientist</i> , 196(2628), 42- 46.

Newspaper articles:

Article type	Examples of description in the reference list
Online	Author, A. A. (year, month, date of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Newspaper. Retrieved from URL Gadher, D. (2007, September 2). Leap in gambling addiction forecast. <i>The Sunday Times</i> . Retrieved from http://www.timesonline.co.uk/
Print	Author, A. A. (year, month, date of publication). Title of the article. Title of the Newspaper, pp. pages of the article. Packham, B. (2010, January 18). Bullies to show concern: schools to try Euro method that lets thugs off the hook. <i>Herald-Sun</i> . pp. 6.

Books and book chapters:

Edition: Information about the edition for the first edition is not provided.

Location of publication: In the USA, the location of the publisher should include the city name and the abbreviated state name; in other countries, it should include the city and country name. In the case of multiple places of publication, the first one in the list is displayed.

Book type	Examples of description in the reference list
Printed book	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title. City of publication: Publisher. Mook, D. (2004). Classic experiments in psychology. Greenwood.
	Editor, A. A. = Editor, A. A.
Edited book Editors are listed according to the author listing format. The editor is displayed according to the author display format, and (Ed.) or (Eds.) is added in parentheses after the editor's surname: for example, Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.).	Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (year of publication). City of publication: Publisher. Williams, J. M. (Ed.). (2006). Applied sport psychology: peak performance (5th ed.). Boston: McGraw-Hill. Lee-Chai, A. Y., & Bargh, J. A. (Eds.). (2001). The use and abuse of power: Multiple perspectives on the causes of corruption. Psychology Press.
Electronic book The URL should be the website address of the main publisher or provider. If the e-book is accessed from a catalog, check the bibliographic description in the catalog to determine the publisher or provider for full-text access. Provide a URL that allows your readers to find the book.	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title. Retrieved from URL <i>or</i> Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title. doi:xxxx Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (year of publication). Retrieved from URL <i>or</i> Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (year of publication). doi:xxxx Bennett, P. (2006). Abnormal and clinical psychology: textbook (2nd ed.). Retrieved from http://www.ebilib.com/ Marlatt, G. A., & Witkiewitz, K. (Eds.). (2009). Addictive behaviors: new readings on etiology, prevention, and treatment. Retrieved from http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycbooks/index.aspx
Chapter from a printed book	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title. In A. Editor & B. Editor

	(Eds.), Title of the book (pages). City of publication: Publisher. Ramsey, J. K., & McGrew, W. C. (2005). Object play in great apes: Studies in nature and captivity. In A. D. Pellegrini & P. K. Smith (Eds.), The nature of play: Great apes and humans (pp. 89-112). Guilford Press.
Chapter from an electronic book	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), Title of the book (pages). Retrieved from URL <i>or</i> Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). Title. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), Title of the book (pages). doi:xxxx Branch, S., Ramsay, S., & Barker, M. (2008). The bullied boss: A conceptual exploration of upwards bullying. In A. Glendon, B. Thompson & B. Myors (Eds.), Advances in organisational psychology (pp. 93-112). Retrieved from http://www.informit.com.au/humanities.html

Official webpage

Notes:

- use n.d. (no date) if information about the publication date is unavailable;
- provide information about the organization, website owner, if no author

is available.

Resource type	Examples of description in the reference list
Official website	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year of publication). Title. URL
Website: organization as author	Name of the organization. (Year of publication). Resource: Title of the resource. URL Australian Psychological Society. (2010). Bushfire resources: Psychological preparedness and recovery. Retrieved from http://www.psychology.org.au/bushfires/

Other resources

Resource type	Examples of description in the reference list
Audiovisual (videos, DVDs,	Producer, A. A. = Producer, A. A., Director, B. B. = Director, B. B.

music recordings)	<p>Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year of publication). Title of the work [type of material]. City of publication: Studio/ Label.</p> <p>Cohen. A., Starbuck, S., Roberts, S., Schreuders, T., & Walker, A. (Directors) (2001). Brain story [videorecording]. URL</p>
Blog post and online discussions, boards, and lists	<p>Author, A. A. (Year, Month Date). Title of the post (entry). Accessed via http://www.xxxx</p> <p>Peele, S. (2010, January 10). The most important psychology article of the 21st century: the U.S. isn't discovering how mental illness works, it's spreading it worldwide [Web log post]. Retrieved from http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/addiction-in-society/201001/the-most-important-psychology-article-the-21stcentury</p>
<p>Conferences, seminars (unpublished)</p> <p><i>For published conferences, seminars: use the chapter from a book description format for a one-time publication. For regular publications, follow the scientific journal article description format.</i></p>	<p>Paper presentation or poster report</p> <p>Presenter, A. A. (Year, Month). Title of the paper presentation or poster report, presented at the event.</p> <p>Jodell, F., Russell, F., Tepper, K., Todd, P. & Zahora, T. (2009, August). Joined at the hip: partnerships between librarians and learning skills advisers. Poster session presented at the International Congress on Medical Librarianship, Brisbane.</p>
Lecture notes	<p>Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of the lecture [Unpublished manuscript], unified code, location, Country.</p> <p>McGrath, B. (2007). Lecture 7: Arrays and matrices [Unpublished manuscript]. ENG1060, Monash University, Victoria, Australia.</p> <p>McGrath, B. (2007). Lecture 7: Arrays and matrices [Lecture notes]. Retrieved from ENG1060, Monash University Studies Online: http://muso.monash.edu.au/</p>

Audio or video files	<p>Producer, A. A. (Producer). (Year, Month, Date). Title. Accessed via http://xxxx</p> <p>Png, V. & Dharmarajah, J. (Presenters). (2008, October). PowerPoint presentations. [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from http://mpa.monash.edu.au/compass_online/podcasts/</p>
Technical report	<p>Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of the work (Report No....). Publisher.</p> <p>Tayama, T. (2006). Velocity influence on detection and appearance of color and motion direction (Report No. 38, 1-20). Psychology Department, Hokkaido University.</p> <p>Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. (2008). The road home: a national approach to reducing homelessness. Retrieved from http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/housing/progserv/homelessnes/whitepaper/Documents/default.htm</p>
Dissertation	<p>Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of the dissertation. Accessed via Name (Affiliation or order number).</p> <p>Bozeman, A. Jr. (2007). Age of onset as predictor of cognitive abilities in children with seizure disorders. (Doctoral dissertation). Available from Proquest Dissertations and Theses. (UMI 325975).</p> <p>Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of the dissertation. Link to the resource.</p> <p>Imber, A. (2003). Applicant reactions to graduate recruitment and selection. (Unpublished Doctoral dissertation). Monash University, Victoria, Australia.</p>