

APA 7th: What's New?

The examples given here and on other Library APA 7th guides have been slightly adapted for University purposes. Anyone publishing with a publisher using APA 7th as their style guide should also check the official *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)*.

1. Publisher locations (city/state/country) are no longer required.
2. If there are three or more authors, cite only the first author followed by et al. for all in-text citations.
3. Surnames and initials for up to 20 authors (instead of seven) should be provided in the reference list. With 21 or more authors, include only the first 19 names, an ellipsis (...), and the final name.
4. DOIs are formatted the same as URLs. They now start with <https://doi.org/>
5. URLs are no longer preceded by "Retrieved from". Start URLs with <https://> or <http://>. If the webpage is likely to change or be updated, include an access date e.g. Retrieved January 14, 2020, from URL.
6. Website and social media site names are now included before URLs. When the author and the website name are the same, omit the site name from the source element. Webpage titles are italicised.
7. For ebooks, include both the publisher and DOI (if available) or URL. The format, platform, or device (e.g. Kindle) is no longer included in the reference.
8. The use of emojis, hashtags, and detailed descriptions are included for online sources.
9. Use the date shown on a book's copyright page as the date of publication.

General

- Many references now require the most specific date possible.
- When the publisher is the same as the author, omit the publisher statement.
- If two or more publishers are listed, include all of them in the order shown on the work or on a database, separated by a semicolon (e.g. Empire Publishing Service; SAGE Publishing).
- Use the publisher name as shown on the work you use.
- You may use a URL shortening service (i.e. TinyURL or Bit.ly) to reduce very long URLs.
- Do not capitalise a personal name that begins with a lowercase letter when the name begins a sentence.

Conference papers

- The date should match the date of the full conference e.g. (2016, March 30-April 2).
- Include the location of the conference in full, e.g. Australian Psychological Society Congress, Sydney, NSW, Australia. <http://bit.ly/2XGSThP>

Theses

- Theses are now referenced as being either print or online. There are no differences based on location.
- Include either (Doctoral thesis) or (Master's thesis) after the title as appropriate, the university's name, the Archive name, and the URL.
- If the thesis is retrieved from a database (e.g. Proquest) or personal website, add e.g. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global instead of the Archive name or URL.

Journals

- Include the issue number for all journals that have issue numbers even if pagination is continuous.
- If there is an article number, it takes the place of page numbers.

Newspapers/magazines

- If the article is from a news website (e.g., Stuff, CNN, BBC News) that does not have an associated daily or weekly newspaper, use the format for a webpage on a news website instead.

Music

- It is not necessary to specify how you listened to the music (e.g. online streaming, via mobile app, on CD)
- For a recording of a classical work, provide the composer as the author, and note in the square brackets the individual or group who recorded the version you used. Provide the publication date for the version you used, and then provide the year of original composition in parentheses at the end.
- [Song] is a description about any piece or track from a set of musical recordings. [Song] can be a sound effect, musical show, opera or symphony if it is a part of an album (a compilation of various recordings in a set).
- If the song has no associated album, omit the album part.

Social media

- Provide the name of the individual or group author as you would for any other reference. Then provide any username/handle in square brackets e.g. Ono, Y. [@yokoono].
- Provide the first 20 words of a social media post as the title.
- Indicate in square brackets if the social media post includes images, videos, thumbnail links to outside sources, links to other tweets, or a poll.
- Replicate emojis if possible. If you are not able to create the emoji provide a description.
- Contents from private or friend-only social media pages or posts should be treated as Personal Communications.

Images

- For an untitled photograph, include a description in square brackets in place of title.
- Include a description of the medium or format in square brackets after the title, for example [Infographic], [Map], [Clip art], [GIF] etc.

Other

- If the slides come from Moodle (The University of Waikato learning management system) and you are writing for an audience with access to that resource (e.g. an online discussion forum in Moodle, a course assignment), provide the name of the site (i.e. Moodle) and a direct URL to the source.