APSA Referencing

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- The American Psychological Association reference style uses the Author-Date citation system.
- Refer to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.) for more information.
- When quoting directly or indirectly from a source, the source must be acknowledged in the text by author name and year of publication.

IN-TEXT

To cite information directly or indirectly, there are two ways to acknowledge citations:

1. Make it a part of a sentence or 2) put it in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

Direct quotation – use double quotation marks around the quote and include page numbers

1. Cohen and Lotan (2014) argue that "many different kinds of abilities are essential for any profession" (p. 151).
2. "Many different kinds of abilities are essential for any profession" (Cohen & Lotan, 2014, p. 151).

N.B. See the Library’s APA webpage for a quotation of 40 or more words.

Indirect quotation/paraphrasing/summarising – no quotation marks

1. According to Cohen and Lotan (2014), professional knowledge alone does not make someone a very capable professional.
2. Professional knowledge alone does not make someone a very capable professional (Cohen & Lotan, 2014).

N.B. Page numbers are optional when paraphrasing, although it is useful to include them (Publication Manual, p. 269).

Citations from a secondary source

1. Gould’s (1981, as cited in Cohen & Lotan, 2014) research “raises fundamental doubts as to whether we can continue to think of intelligence as unidimensional” (pp. 151-152).
2. Intelligence cannot be believed to consist of one single entity any more (Gould, 1981, as cited in Cohen & Lotan, 2014).

N.B. To cite a source you found in another source, you must acknowledge all the authors.

- The author(s) of the source referred to i.e. Gould, 1981
- The author(s) of the work which contains the original source i.e. Cohen & Lotan, 2014

In the reference list, only the book by Cohen & Lotan should be acknowledged. Do not list Gould.

- At the end of your assignment, you are required to provide the full bibliographic information for each source. References must be listed in alphabetical order by author.

EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES BY TYPE

N.B. If a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) is available, include it at the end of the reference.

A DOI is a unique code assigned to an online scholarly/academic publication.

In a reference list In-text citation

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   N.B. The first letter of the first word of the main title, subtitle and all proper nouns have capital letters.
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   (Bromiley & Rau, 2017) or When paraphrasing in text, use and not &.
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   (Krause et al., 2006) or Krause et al. (2006) stated ...
   N.B. For three or more authors, cite only the first author followed by et al.
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   N.B. In text, some group authors may be abbreviated in subsequent citations if they are readily recognisable.
   
   New: When the author and the publisher are the same, omit the publisher from the reference. Publisher locations (City/State/Country) are no longer required. For ebooks, include both the publisher and a DOI (if available).

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   N.B. Include the page numbers of the chapter after the book title.
   
   New: Publisher locations (City/State/Country) are no longer required. For ebooks, include both the publisher and a DOI (if available).

6. **Course handout/Lecture notes** (electronic version)

   
   N.B. Put format in square brackets - e.g. [Lecture notes] [Panopto video]. This referencing format should be used only for your assignments.
   
   New: Include the site name (e.g. Moodle, Blackboard).

7. **Video (e.g. YouTube)**

   
   N.B. Use the uploader’s name as the author.
   
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8. **Journal article (academic/scholarly)**

   
   N.B. Retain original punctuation of titles. A capital letter is used for key words in the journal title. The journal title and volume number are italicised, followed by the issue number in brackets (not italicised).
   
   N.B. When information is missing, e.g. DOI, issue number etc., omit it.

9. **Magazine – popular/trade/general interest**

   
   N.B. Full date is used if published weekly; month and year if monthly.

10. **Newspaper article**

    
    N.B. Provide the URL if the article was from the newspaper’s actual website.
    
    New: If the article is from a news website (e.g. Stuff), without an associated daily or weekly newspaper, use the format for a webpage instead.

11. **Personal Communication**

    N.B. Information such as letters, phone conversations, emails, & private social networks is called “Personal Communication”, and no reference list entry is required.

12. **Reference book – dictionary or encyclopedia entry**

    
    N.B. (n.d.) = no date. If no author stated, the entry’s title takes the author position.

13. **Webpage**

    
    
    N.B. The basic format is: (1) Author (could be a group e.g. government department). (2) Date. (3) Title. (4) Website name and URL.
    
    New: Include the website name. If the author is the same as the website name, leave the website name out. Use the most specific date possible, year; year and month; or year, month and day. Use either date of publication or latest update.

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*If abbreviating the author’s name, in the first citation* Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (n.d.)

then

It is “…” (MBIE, n.d., para. 3)

*For direct quote, cite the paragraph number in text*