

Quick Guide to APA 7th Referencing

This guide has been developed to assist **students doing coursework** using APA 7th referencing style and contains examples of some commonly referenced materials. **It should be used in conjunction with the online [Referencing Library Guide](#)**, where you will find more examples and explanations.

Edith Cowan University uses APA referencing style in most courses. If you are unsure whether you should use APA 7th, APA 6th, or something else, consult your unit plan or contact your unit coordinator.

Why Should I Reference?

Referencing is an essential part of university-level writing. Citing all sources used in your work will:

- **acknowledge** the work of other writers;
- enable other researchers to **trace** your sources;
- demonstrate the **depth** of your research; and
- **support** the arguments and opinions put forward in your work.

Referencing can help you avoid **plagiarism**, which is a form of academic misconduct that is taken very seriously at university. If you fail to acknowledge other writers' words, ideas, or concepts, and/or claim them as your own—whether you mean to or not—that is plagiarism. Using common knowledge in your discussion (e.g. the chemical formula for water is H₂O) is not considered to be plagiarism. Note that reusing your own previous work without acknowledgement is considered **self-plagiarism**.

What Is APA Referencing?

APA is the referencing style set by the American Psychological Association. It consists of two parts:

1. **In-text citation**: a short reference (**author, date**) contained within the text of your assignment; **and**
2. **End-text reference**: the full citation details of each reference used in the text of your assignment.

For most information sources, an in-text citation should have a corresponding end-text reference, and every work in the end-text reference list should have at least one in-text citation. The exception to this is when you cite personal communications.

In-Text Citations

In-text citations must be included each time you use the words or ideas of another writer. Direct quotations must also include a page number, e.g. (Wheelen & Hunger, 2008, p. 23). Use the paragraph number or section heading for electronic sources with no page number, e.g. (Basu & Jones, 2007, para. 4). If you are not quoting directly, follow your lecturer's preference about page numbers.

An in-text citation must always contain the **author** and **date**, but the format will depend on how you structure your sentence. Refer to the online [Referencing Guide](#) for examples of different forms.

End-Text References

The end-text reference list provides full citation details of a work based on the following four elements:

1. **who** produced the work (i.e. author, which might be an organisation or a person)
2. **when** was the work produced (i.e. date of publication)
3. **what** is the work you are referring to (i.e. title of the work)
4. **where** did this work come from (i.e. publisher or online source)

All end-text reference list citations have the following format as their underlying structure:

Author, A. A. (year). Title. Source.

Components of a Reference

Book

Author Date *Book title* Publisher

Mikic, M. (1998). *International trade*. Macmillan Press.

Journal article

Authors Date Article title

Smith, G. M., & Li, Q. (2010). The role of occupation in an integrated boycott model: A cross-regional study in China. *Journal of Global Marketing*, 23(2), 109-126.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08911761003673421>

Volume(issue) page numbers DOI Journal Title

Government report

(Corporate) Author Date *Standard/report title*

Bureau of Meteorology. (2019). *Corporate plan, 2019-20*. Department of the Environment and Energy.
<http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/Bureau-of-Meteorology-Corporate-Plan-2019-20.pdf>

Parent organisation/publisher Web address

Webpage

Author Date *Title of page* Website Name

Freeman, S. (2000, April 1). *How anesthesia works*. HowStuffWorks.
<https://science.howstuffworks.com/anesthesia.htm>

Web address

Chapter in an edited book

Author Date Chapter title Editor of book

Baynham, M. (2003). *Adult literacy*. In J. Bourne & E. Reid (Eds.), *World yearbook of education 2003: Language education* (pp. 109-123). Kogan Page.

(page numbers) Publisher *Title of book*

Sample References

Source	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Journal Article	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
With doi (digital object identifier)	(Stahl, 2016)	Huizinga, J. (2015). The world I live in. <i>Self & Society</i> , 13(1), 2-11. https://doi.org/10.1080/03060497.1985.11084661
Print, and online articles with no doi	(Ponce & Rowe, 2018)	Ponce, A. N., & Rowe, M. (2018). Citizenship and community mental health care. <i>American Journal of Community Psychology</i> , 61(1-2), 22-31. <i>Academic articles with no DOI do not require a URL.</i>
3+ authors	(McGuire et al., 2014)	McGuire, J. A., Witt, C. C., Remsen, J. V., Corl, A., Rabosky, D. L., Altshuler, D. L., & Dudley, R. (2014). Molecular phylogenetics and the diversification of hummingbirds. <i>Current Biology</i> , 24(8), 910-916. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2014.03.016
More than 20 authors	(Leung et al., 2015)	Leung, W., Shaffer, C. D., Reed, L., Smith, S. T., Barshop, W., Dirkes, W., Dothager, M., Lee, P., Wong, J., Xiong, D., Yuan, H., Bedard, J. E. J., Machone, J. F., Patterson, S. D., Price, A. L., Turner, B. A., Robic, S., Luippold, E. K., McCartha, S. R., . . . Elgin, S. C. R. (2015). <i>Drosophila</i> Muller F elements maintain a distinct set of genomic properties over 40 million years of evolution. <i>G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics</i> , 5(5), 719-740. https://doi.org/10.1534/g3.114.015966 <i>If there are more than 20 authors, include the first 19 authors, followed by an ellipsis (. . .), then the last author's name.</i>
Book	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
2 authors, edition	(Sennewald & Baillie, 2016)	Sennewald, C. A., & Baillie, C. (2016). <i>Effective security management</i> (6th ed.). Butterworth-Heinemann. <i>Use the full name of the publisher, except for markers of business structure such as "Inc" or "Pty Ltd".</i>
Electronic book with DOI	(Matson, 2017)	Matson, J. L. (2017). <i>Handbook of social behavior and skills in children</i> . Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-64592-6 <i>If a book has a DOI, include it. If it does not, reference as print.</i>
Edited book	(Guzys & Petrie, 2014)	Guzys, D., & Petrie, E. (Eds.). (2014). <i>An introduction to community and primary health care</i> . Cambridge University Press.
Chapter of a book	(Ryan, 2005)	Ryan, M. J. (2005). Evolution of behaviour. In J. Bolhuis & L. Giraldeau (Eds.), <i>The behaviour of animals</i> (pp. 294-314). Blackwell Publishing.
Reference Work	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Entry in a continually updated dictionary	(Merriam-Webster, n.d.)	Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Major depressive disorder. In <i>Merriam-Webster.com dictionary</i> . Retrieved December 6, 2019, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/major%20depressive%20disorder

Source	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Entry in an encyclopaedia - individual author	(Jensen, 2015)	Jensen, R. (2015). Advocacy journalism. In W. Donsbach (Ed.), <i>The concise encyclopedia of communication</i> (pp. 94-95). Wiley Blackwell.
Wikipedia (or online dictionary with no author)	("Bird," 2019)	Bird. (2019, December 1). In <i>Wikipedia</i> . https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Bird&oldid=928751793 Use the permanent link for the page at the time you used it. If you use a permanent link, you do not need a retrieval date.
Newspaper	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Newspaper article	(Harlan, 2013)	Harlan, C. (2013, April 2). North Korea vows to restart shuttered nuclear reactor that can make bomb-grade plutonium. <i>The Washington Post</i> , A1, A4.
Newspaper article online	(Caro, 2018)	Caro, J. (2018, June 22). How to tame trolls. <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> . https://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/life-and-relationships/how-to-tame-trolls-20180621-p4zmtc.html
Online-only news source	(Gunders, 2020)	Gunders, P. (2020, January 29). <i>Meet Australia's other commuters</i> . ABC News. https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-29/meet-the-bush-commuters/11758372
Conference Paper	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Conference presentation (with type in brackets)	(Jones, 1993)	Jones, P. (1993, September). <i>Backyard bird watching</i> [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Naturalist Club, Perth, WA, Australia.
Conference proceedings (published as a chapter of a book)	(Smith, 2003)	Smith, C. L. (2003). Understanding concepts in the defence in depth strategy. In <i>Proceedings of the IEEE 37th Annual 2003 International Carnahan Conference on Security Technology</i> (pp. 8-16). IEEE. https://doi.org/10.1109/CCST.2003.1297528 Follow the format for an edited book.
Report	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Authored report	(Stewart et al., 2014)	Stewart, J., Hedwards, B., Richards, K., Willis, M., & Higgins, D. (2014). <i>Indigenous youth justice programs evaluation</i> . Australian Institute of Criminology. https://aic.gov.au/publications/special/005 Include the name of the publishing organisation as the publisher, unless the publisher is also the author.
Technical report, e.g. ABS report	(Australian Bureau of Statistics [ABS], 2016) Subsequent mention: (ABS, 2016)	Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2016). <i>Land management and farming in Australia, 2014-15</i> (Cat. No. 4627.0). https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4627.0Main+Features102014-15 Long URLs like this may be replaced using a URL shortener.
Standard	(Standards Australia, 2016)	Standards Australia. (2016). <i>Pavements. Part 1: Residential</i> (AS 3727.1:2016). Do not include the publisher if they are also the author.

Source	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Australian curriculum document	(Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority [ACARA], 2014)	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. (2014). <i>Foundation to year 10 curriculum: Language for interaction</i> (ACELA1428). http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/ACELA1428
Website	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Webpage	(British Society for Nanomedicine, n.d.)	British Society for Nanomedicine. (n.d.). <i>What is nanotechnology and what is nanomedicine?</i> https://www.britishsocietynanomedicine.org/what-is-nanomedicine/ If the page doesn't say when the content was published, use the abbreviation n.d. for "no date."
Website as a whole	KidsPsych (http://www.kidspsych.org) is an interactive website for children...	When citing an entire website, and not a particular page or idea on that website, it is sufficient to give the address of the site within your writing. No reference list entry is needed.
Blog post	(Myers, 2019)	Myers, P. Z. (2019, December 5). Wait! The end of the semester isn't all that bad! <i>Pharyngula</i> . https://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2019/12/05/wait-the-end-of-the-semester-isnt-all-that-bad/
Audio- Visual Material	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Film/motion picture	(Bell, 1999)	Bell, A. J. W. (Director). (1999). <i>Lost for words</i> [Film]. Yorkshire Television.
YouTube or other streaming video	(McDonnell, 2011)	McDonnell, C. [charlieissocoollike]. (2011, May 17). <i>Stop procrastinating</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/charlie#p/u/4/qjlsdbBsE8g Include the author's screen name in brackets, if required.
TED Talk or webinar	(Agler, 2019)	Agler, E. (2019, April). <i>An end to parasitic worms</i> [Video]. TED. https://www.ted.com/talks/ellen_agler_an_end_to_parasitic_worms
Other	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Thesis / dissertation	(Kershaw, 2016)	Kershaw, L. H. (2016). <i>Journeys towards expertise in technology-supported teaching</i> [Doctoral dissertation, Edith Cowan University]. Research Online. http://ro.ecu.edu.au/theses/1776
Photographs / images	(Bredel, 2013)	Bredel, M. (2013). <i>Storm ahead</i> [Photograph]. Flickr. https://www.flickr.com/photos/marvinok/9053229662/ This in-text citation is for discussing the image only. If you are reproducing an image in your work, add a copyright statement.
Legal Material	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Legislation	(<i>Narcotic Drugs Act 1967</i> (Cth), s 8E(1)(b))	<i>Narcotic Drugs Act 1967</i> (Cth) Legal materials in APA style are referenced using the format and conventions of the country's legal citation style. In Australia, this style is AGLC (currently on its 4 th edition). For explanations and examples of this type of referencing, visit the Referencing Guide page for Australian Legal Materials .

Reference List Example

References

- Atrill, P., & McLaney, E. J. (2005). *Management accounting for decision makers* (4th ed.). Prentice Hall.
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- Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2016). *Land management and farming in Australia, 2014-15* (Cat. No. 4627.0). <http://tiny.cc/emvejz> ← A complicated URL was replaced using a URL shortener.
- Italian government declares state of emergency in flood-ravaged Venice. (2019, November 15). *The Age*. <https://www.theage.com.au/world/europe/italian-government-set-to-declare-state-of-emergency-in-venice-20191115-p53ast.html>
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- United Nations. (n.d.). *Goal 2: Zero hunger*. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/hunger/>

Each entry begins flush with the left-hand margin.
Use a **hanging indent** for subsequent lines.

Each entry is in **alphabetical order** according to the last name of the author or editor.
If there is no author, list according to the first main word of the title.

The reference list is double spaced. **Check with your lecturer** to confirm this is required for your assignment.

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