

Key differences between APA 6 and APA 7

From the start of Teaching Block 1, 2020-21 all taught courses using APA should move to APA 7th edition with the exception of full-time Masters which started in January 2020.

Full details are currently available on the American Psychological Association's website (<https://apastyle.apa.org/>). This document summarises key changes of which you need to be aware. The University Library will be using the Cite Them Right website for referencing support from September 2020. Additional guidance and support will continue to be provided by Library staff. Contact the Enquiries Team or your Faculty Librarian for more help via Chat or email.

N.B. Hyperlinked URLs in reference lists are now considered useful tools for online access. URL shorteners can be used where necessary (e.g. <https://tinyurl.com/>).

1. Print book

The publisher location for print books is no longer included in the reference.

APA 7: Covey, S. R. (2013). *The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change*. Simon & Schuster.

APA 6: Covey, S. R. (2013). *The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster.

2. eBook

The publisher and DOI are included. If there is no DOI a URL is required but 'Retrieved from' is no longer needed. A full URL is now used for Library eBook collections. The format, platform, or device (e.g. Kindle) is also no longer included in the reference. The standard format for a DOI has been revised.

Ebook with a DOI

APA 7: Brück, M. (2009). *Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites*. Springer Nature. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2>

APA 6: Brück, M. (2009). *Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites* [Kindle version]. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2>

Ebook without a DOI from a Library database.

If you are using Discovery or any other EBSCO database you will need to use the Permalink option to create the full reference. Do not follow the Cite example as this will be incomplete. Ensure that if you use any of our Library databases you include the URL as part of your reference. This is different to official APA 7 guidance.

Amended APA 7: Belair-Gagnon, V. (2015). *Social media at BBC News: The re-making of crisis reporting*. Routledge. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/portsmouth-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1974366>

APA 6: Belair-Gagnon, V. (2015). *Social media at BBC News: The re-making of crisis reporting*. Retrieved from <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com>

Ebook without a DOI from a website

APA 7: Piercy, C.W. (2019). *Problem solving in teams and groups*. University of Kansas Libraries. <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/problem-solving-in-teams-and-groups>

APA 6: Piercy, C.W. (2019). *Problem solving in teams and groups*. Retrieved from <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/problem-solving-in-teams-and-groups>

3. eJournal article

The DOI is included wherever possible. If there is no DOI, use the URL but ‘Retrieved from’ is no longer needed. The standard format for a DOI has been revised.

Article with a DOI

APA 7: Robson, M. L. (2019). The Royal Marines capture, fortification and defence of Anholt Island 1807–1812. *The Mariner's Mirror*, 105(4), 407-424. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00253359.2019.1665339>

APA 6: Robson, M. L. (2019). The Royal Marines capture, fortification and defence of Anholt Island 1807–1812. *The Mariner's Mirror*, 105(4), 407-424. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00253359.2019.1665339>

Article without a DOI from a Library database

Always check the PDF in case there is a DOI which has not been included as part of the Cite example.

If you are using Discovery or any other EBSCO database you will need to use the Permalink option to create the full reference. Do not follow the Cite example as this will be incomplete. Ensure that if you use any of our Library databases you include the URL as part of your reference. This is different to official APA 7 guidance.

Amended APA 7: Galloppo, G., & Boido, C. (2020). How much is a goal in the Football Championship worth?

Match results and stock price reaction. *International Journal of Sport Finance* 15(2), 83-92. <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=143373407&site=eds-live>

APA 6: Galloppo, G., & Boido, C. (2020). How much is a goal in the Football Championship worth? Match results and stock price reaction. *International Journal of Sport Finance* 15(2), 83-92. Retrieved from <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=143373407&site=eds-live>

Article without a DOI from a website

APA 7: Cacchiani, S. (2006). Dis/similarities between patient information leaflets in Britain and Italy: Implications for the translator. *New Voices in Translation Studies* 2. <https://www.iatis.org/images/stories/publications/new-voices/Issue2-2006/cacchiani-paper-2006.pdf>

APA 6: Cacchiani, S. (2006). Dis/similarities between patient information leaflets in Britain and Italy: Implications for the translator. *New Voices in Translation Studies* 2. Retrieved from <https://www.iatis.org/images/stories/publications/new-voices/Issue2-2006/cacchiani-paper-2006.pdf>

4. Report

‘Retrieved from’ is no longer necessary before a URL. A website or database name should be included if the author name is not the same as the website/organisation name (refer to 5. Webpage, for example).

APA 7: Sturge, G. (2018). *UK prison population statistics* (Briefing Paper Number CBP-04334). House of Commons Library. <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN04334/SN04334.pdf>

APA 6: Sturge, G. (2018). *UK prison population statistics* (Briefing Paper Number CBP-04334). Retrieved from <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN04334/SN04334.pdf>

APA 7: Whitbread. (2019). *Number of Costa coffee shops in the United Kingdom (UK) from fiscal year 2008/09 to 2017/18*. Statista. <https://www.statista.com/statistics/283302/number-of-costa-coffee-stores-in-the-united-kingdom-uk/>

APA 6: Whitbread. (2019). *Number of Costa coffee shops in the United Kingdom (UK) from fiscal year 2008/09 to 2017/18*. Retrieved from <https://www.statista.com/statistics/283302/number-of-costa-coffee-stores-in-the-united-kingdom-uk/>

5. Webpage

The website name is now included (unless it's the same as the author) as well as the full publication date (if available). 'Retrieved from' is no longer needed. However, for websites that are inherently designed to change or reflect information that changes over time, remember that the inclusion of a retrieval date is advised (in the format Retrieved mm dd, yyyy, from).

Where webpage author and organisation differ

APA 7: Civil Society Unit. (n.d.). *History of cooperation between DPI and the NGO community*. United Nations. <https://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/content/history-cooperation-between-dpi-and-ngo-community>

APA 6: Civil Society Unit. (n.d.). *History of cooperation between DPI and the NGO community*. Retrieved from <https://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/content/history-cooperation-between-dpi-and-ngo-community>

Where webpage author and organisation are the same

APA 7: World Health Organization. (2020, May 30). *Youth advocate in Kenya's tobacco control drive*. <https://www.afro.who.int/news/youth-advocate-kenyas-tobacco-control-drive>

APA 6: World Health Organization. (2020). *Youth advocate in Kenya's tobacco control drive*. Retrieved from <https://www.afro.who.int/news/youth-advocate-kenyas-tobacco-control-drive>

Reminder for webpages that regularly update

APA 7 (and 6): London Stock Exchange. (n.d.). *Markets latest*. Retrieved May 12, 2019, from <https://www.londonstockexchange.com/?lang=en>

6. Social media

There was almost no guidance for Social Media in APA 6th and it has developed over time. It has now been formalised in the APA 7th Edition Manual:

- For tweets or posts provide the first 20 words of the tweet/post as the title. Count a URL, a hashtag, or an emoji as one word each, and include them in the reference if they fall within the first 20 words. Do not italicize emojis.
- Replicate emojis, if possible. If you are not able to create the emoji, provide the emoji's name in square brackets, for example, [face with tears of joy emoji]
- Social media pages/profiles (as opposed to single posts) are inherently designed to change so a retrieval date should be included.

a) Blog Post

APA 7: Bystander. (2016, November 22). Out of the ordinary. *Magistrates Blog*.
<http://magistratesblog.blogspot.co.uk/2016/11/out-of-ordinary.html>

APA 6: Bystander. (2016, November 22). Out of the ordinary [Blog post]. Retrieved from
<http://magistratesblog.blogspot.co.uk/2016/11/out-of-ordinary.html>

b) Facebook page - use the name associated with the account as the name in the reference. Use the page title in the reference (e.g. "Home", "Photos", "About" etc)

APA 7: The British Library. (n.d.). *Home* [Facebook page]. Facebook. Retrieved June 9, 2020, from
<https://www.facebook.com/britishlibrary/>

c) Facebook post - if a post includes images, videos, thumbnail links to outside sources, or content from another post (such as when sharing a link), indicate that in square brackets. Describe the post type (e.g., "[Status update]," "[Video]") in square brackets after any description of attached content.

APA 7: Design Museum. (2020, June 7). *If you could live anywhere, where would it be? What would it look like?* [Image attached] [Status Update]. Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/designmuseum/photos/a.91537539168/10158472662469169>

d) Tweet - present the name of the individual or group author the same as you would for any other reference. Then provide the Twitter handle (beginning with the @ sign) in square brackets, followed by a period. If the tweet includes an image, a video, a poll, or a thumbnail image with a link, indicate that in brackets after the title: [Image attached], [Video attached], [Thumbnail with link attached].

APA 7: Olusoga, D. [@DavidOlusoga]. (2020, June 8). *Been asked to tweet this again - The toppling of Edward Colston's statue is not an attack on history. It is history* [Thumbnail with link attached] [Tweet]. Twitter.
<https://twitter.com/DavidOlusoga/status/1270034773176725506>

e) Twitter Profile - Twitter profiles begin on the "Tweets" tab by default. If you want to cite one of the other tabs (e.g., "Tweets & Replies," "Media," "Likes"), use the name of that tab rather than "Tweets" in the title element of the reference.

APA 7: Beard, M. [@wmarybeard]. (n.d.). *Tweets and replies* [Twitter profile]. Retrieved June 9, 2020, from
<https://twitter.com/wmarybeard>

f) Instagram photo or video

APA 7: Bickford-Smith, C. [@coraliebickfordsmith]. (2020, May 14). *Spot the newbie! There's a new cloth colour in town! It's bright and I love it!* [Photograph]. Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CAKR8FgAbY8/>

g) Instagram Profile

APA 7: Elba, I. [@idriselba]. (n.d.). *Posts* [Instagram profile]. Instagram. Retrieved June 9, 2020, from
<https://www.instagram.com/idriselba/>

h) Online forum post

APA 7: Little, J. [j450n_l]. (2018, December 12). *I'm the first person in the world with a neural-enabled prosthetic hand. Using an specialized prosthetic and a device implanted* [Online forum post]. Reddit.
https://www.reddit.com/r/AMA/comments/a5jxbe/im_the_first_person_in_the_world_with_a/

7. Audio Visual

Podcast - when referencing to a podcast episode, the host of the episode should be included. For a series, the episode title is included, and the series title is also included and italicised. Amendment to wording in source element in square brackets. Retrieved from is no longer needed.

APA 7: Cox, B., & Ince, R. (Hosts). (2019, October 14). *Brits in space (No. 119)* [Audio podcast episode]. In *The Infinite Monkey Cage*. BBC Radio 4. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0009b04>

APA 6: Cox, B., & Ince, R. (Hosts). (2019, October 14). *Brits in space (No. 119)* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0009b04>

YouTube video - 'Retrieved from' is no longer needed. Include website name before URL. Amendment to wording in source element in square brackets.

APA 7: Laverne, L. (Host) (2016, April 16). *Ten minutes with Grayson Perry* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZENw0f5ugY>

APA 6: Laverne, L. (Host) (2016, April 16). *Ten minutes with Grayson Perry* [Video file]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZENw0f5ugY>

TED Talks - 'Retrieved from' is no longer needed. Include website name before URL. Amendment to wording in source element in square brackets. APA 7th examples only.

TED. (2018, June 13). *David Ikard: The dangers of whitewashing black history* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bb04xj7LS34>

Ikard, D. (2018, March). *The dangers of whitewashing black history* [Video]. TED Conferences. https://www.ted.com/talks/david_ikard_the_dangers_of_whitewashing_black_history

TV programme

There are changes relating to contributors other than authors and editors. For example, when referencing a podcast episode, the host of the episode should be included; for a TV series episode, the writer and director of that episode are referenced. 'Retrieved from' is no longer necessary.

For a series, the programme title is included, and the series title is also included and italicised:

APA 7: Phillips, T. (Presenter). (2017, February 23). *Has political correctness gone mad?* [Television broadcast]. **BoB: On demand TV and radio for education**. <https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/index.php/prog/0E7039F8>

APA 6: Phillips, T. (Presenter). (2017, February 23). *Has political correctness gone mad?* [Television broadcast]. From BoB website. Retrieved from <https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/index.php/prog/0E7039F8>

Film or video

[Film] replaces [Motion picture], [Video] replaces [Video file]. Only one primary contributor is necessary. Place of publication is no longer required. If there is a URL, 'Retrieved from' is no longer necessary. Medium type no longer required, e.g. [DVD].

APA 7: Boyle, D. (Director). (1996). *Trainspotting* [Film]. Channel 4 Films.

APA 6: Boyle, D. (Director). (1996). *Trainspotting* [Motion picture]. [DVD]. United Kingdom: Channel 4 Films.

APA 7: Cutts, S. (2017, November 24). *Happiness* [Video]. Vimeo. <https://vimeo.com/244405542>

APA 6: Cutts, S. (2017, November 24). *Happiness* [Video file]. Retrieved from <https://vimeo.com/244405542>

APA 7: Hooper, T (Director). (2012). *Les Miserables* [Film]. Universal Pictures.
<https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/index.php/prog/06004965?bcast=123209814>

APA 6: Hooper, T (Director). (2012). *Les Miserables* [Motion picture]. United Kingdom & United States: Universal Pictures. Retrieved from
<https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/index.php/prog/06004965?bcast=123209814>

8. Multiple authors

- a) The in-text citation for works with three or more authors is now shortened right from the first citation. Where there is no ambiguity with author names, only include the first author's name and "et al.":

APA 7: (Taylor et al., 2018)

APA 6: (Taylor, Kotler, Johnson, & Parker, 2018)

- b) Surnames and initials for up to 20 authors (instead of 7) should be provided in the reference list:

APA 7: Miller, T. C., Brown, M. J., Wilson, G. L., Evans, B. B., Kelly, R. S., Turner, S. T., Lewis, F., Lee, L. H., Cox, G., Harris, H. L., Martin, P., Gonzalez, W. L., Hughes, W., Carter, D., Campbell, C., Baker, A. B., Flores, T., Gray, W. E., Green, G., ... Nelson, T. P. (2018).

APA 6: Miller, T. C., Brown, M. J., Wilson, G. L., Evans, B. B., Kelly, R. S., Turner, S. T., ... Lee, L. H. (2018).

Guidance and some examples from: <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples/>