

What's new in APA 2010 style?

The American Psychological Association (APA) has published the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010), which contains updated guidelines for documenting sources and formatting papers in the social sciences.

What follows is an overview of the major changes in APA style in the 6th edition of the *Publication Manual* (2010).

Multiple authors

- In reference list entries for sources with up to seven authors, use all authors' names. For sources with eight or more authors, use the first six names followed by an ellipsis mark (three periods) and the last author's name.

Two to seven authors

Diessner, R., Solom, R. C., Frost, N. K., Parsons, L., & Davidson, J. (2008).
Engagement with beauty: Appreciating natural, artistic, and moral beauty.
The Journal of Psychology, 142, 303-329.

Eight or more authors

Mulvaney, S. A., Mudasiru, E., Schlundt, D. G., Baughman, C. L., Fleming, M.,
VanderWoude, A., . . . Rothman, R. (2008). Self-management in Type 2
diabetes: The adolescent perspective. *The Diabetes Educator, 34*,
118-127.

Issue numbers for journals

- Use the issue number with the volume number only for journals that begin each issue with page 1; use the volume number alone for journals that number pages consecutively through the entire volume.

Journal paginated by volume

Bronk, K. C. (2008). Early adolescents' conceptions of the good life and the good
person. *Adolescence, 43*, 713-732.

Journal paginated by issue

Whitman, D. (2008). An appeal to authority: The new paternalism in urban
schools. *Education Next, 8*(4), 53-58.

Online sources

- Online articles and books sometimes include a DOI (digital object identifier). APA uses the DOI, when available, in place of a URL in reference list entries.
- Use a retrieval date for an online source only if the content is likely to change. If you are unsure about whether to use a retrieval date, consult your instructor.

State abbreviations

- Use the state for all US cities, including well-known cities: New York, NY; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; and so on. Use the country for non-US cities (and add the province for Canadian cities): Milan, Italy; Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

APA paper format

- On the title page, include a running head that begins at the top left with the words “Running head” followed by a colon and the title of your paper (shortened to no more than fifty characters). Type the title in all capital letters. Put the page number 1 on the same line flush with the right margin.
- About halfway down the title page, center the full title of your paper (capitalizing all words of four letters or more), your name, and your school’s name. At the bottom of the page, you may add the heading “Author Note,” centered, followed by a brief paragraph that lists specific information about the course or department or provides acknowledgments or contact information.
- On all interior pages, use a running head that consists of the shortened title in all capital letters, flush with the left margin, and the page number flush with the right margin.
- Make headings (except “Abstract” and “References”) within an APA paper boldface. Center all first-level headings; make second-level headings flush left.

In-text citations

- For unpaginated online sources, don’t use a paragraph or section number (with “par.” or “sec.”) unless the source itself numbers its paragraphs or sections.