

## APA Update: Changes to APA Citation Rules

The American Psychological Association (APA) has recently published the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of their Publication Manual. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition changes some rules for in-text citation and Reference lists from the 5<sup>th</sup> edition and incorporates changes implemented in the electronic document *APA Style Guide to Electronic References*. The most significant changes are contained below.

### JOURNAL ISSUE NUMBERS (PRINT AND ONLINE)

BEFORE	NEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always include issue number for a journal if provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include the issue number (if available) only if the journal is paginated by issue (i.e., the page numbering begins at 1 for each issue.)</li> </ul>
<b>Example of New Format</b>	
<p>Paginated by issue:</p> <p>Marshall, A.R. (2008). Chinese immigration to western Manitoba since 1884: Wah Hep, George Chong, the KMT, and the United Church. <i>Journal of Canadian Studies</i>, 42(3), 28-54.</p> <p>Not paginated by issue:</p> <p>Fan, L. (2008). Self-care behaviors of school-age children with heart disease. <i>Pediatric Nursing</i>, 34, 131-138.</p>	

### ELECTRONIC SOURCES FROM A DATABASE: LOCATOR INFORMATION

BEFORE	NEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cite the database name if from a database; cite the url if from a web site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instead of a URL or database name, list the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) if provided</li> <li>Where no DOI is provided, Seneca Libraries recommends that the database name be used (Seneca Libraries discourages using URLs when citing articles or books from library databases because of difficulties with links)</li> </ul>
<b>Example of New Format</b>	
<p>Giles, H., Ryan, E.B. &amp; , Anas, A.P. (2008). Perceptions of intergenerational communication. <i>Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science</i> , 40(1), 21-30.</p> <p>doi: 10.1037/0008-400x.40.1.21</p>	

PLACE OF PUBLICATION

BEFORE	NEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For major publishing cities (e.g., New York or Toronto) the city name alone may be cited for place of publication.</li> <li>• For all other cities the province, state or country code must be given.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always list the province code for Canadian cities, the state code for cities in the United States and the country code for all other cities</li> </ul>

WORKS WITH MULTIPLE AUTHORS

BEFORE	NEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All authors names are given by the reference list entry for works up to <b>six</b> authors</li> <li>• For works with more than six authors the first six names are listed followed by "et. al."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All authors names are given in the reference list entry for works up to <b>seven</b> authors</li> <li>• For works with more than <b>seven</b> authors the first <b>six</b> authors are listed followed by three ellipses, and then the last author's name</li> </ul>

**Example of New Format**

Work with more than seven authors:

Harper, M., Harris, E., Jones, M., Cruz, P., Smith, A., Wood, D., . . . Otter, S. (2009).

*Creating graphic novels*. Toronto, ON: Wiley.

**For additional information, please refer to:**

Seneca Libraries. (2008, August 8). *Seneca Libraries APA style guide*.

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The Seneca Libraries online APA style guide has been updated for the Fall 2009 semester.