

# APA 6<sup>th</sup> to APA 7<sup>th</sup> key changes

The APA has published the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of their referencing style, and the University will be updating to this edition from September 2020. See the introduction {link to introduction} to the guide for full details.

Key changes from APA 6th to 7th are summarised in the table below.

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> (old version)	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> (new version)
“et al” was only used after <i>five or more</i> authors in the first in-text citation.	In-text citations of a work by <i>three or more</i> authors lists only the first author, followed by “et al”.
Maximum 7 authors for a single work were listed in the reference list.	Up to 20 authors for a single work can be listed in the reference list.
Book references had to include publisher location as well as publisher name (e.g. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis).	Book references only require publisher name, not location (e.g. Taylor & Francis).
If organisation and publisher were the same, both were included.	If organisation and publisher are the same, omit the publisher.
URLs were always preceded with “Retrieved from”.	URLs are no longer preceded by “Retrieved from”.
URLs did not require a retrieval date.	If using an unstable URL, include a retrieval date in the following format: Retrieved July 31, 2020, from <a href="https://www...">https://www...</a>
URLs were not live hyperlinks (e.g. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news</a> ).	URLs should be live hyperlinks (e.g. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news</a> ) if final document is read online. URLs should not be live hyperlinks if final document is in a printed format.