

Seventh edition of APA's best-selling publication manual to publish in October with a 700,000 first

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The long-expected seventh edition of the best-selling Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association will go on sale in October, with a first printing of 700,000 copies, APA announced at the opening of APA 2019, the association's 127th annual convention.

Experts on the APA Style team fielded more than 30,000 inquiries from users of the sixth edition to give authors what they need, through updated content and by making it easier to use. More than 15 million copies of the Publication Manual have been printed since its debut in 1952. It has been 10 years since the previous edition was released.

"APA Style is known for setting the benchmark for effective communication," said APA CEO Arthur C. Evans Jr., Ph.D. "This new manual continues the legacy of promoting excellence in writing and will help prepare the next generation of academic writers to make an impact with their work."

The Publication Manual provides guidance on how to format title pages, headings, direct quotations, bulleted lists, in-text citations, references and more. Major innovations and updates to the Publication Manual support both new and experienced authors and will make their writing more precise, concise, and inclusive, according to Evans.

Highlights include the following:

- Full color throughout for the first time.
- The debut of a tabbed, spiral-bound edition, which joins the paperback, hardcover and e-book formats.
- An updated chapter with guidelines for writing without bias that address age, disability, gender, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, intersectionality, and the use of "they" as singular.
- A new chapter about APA's updated journal article reporting standards.
- New student-specific resources, including a sample paper and guidelines for formatting annotated bibliographies.
- Best practices for ethical writing, including discussions on avoiding plagiarism and updated guidance on navigating the publication process and disseminating research findings.
- 100+ new reference examples, including coverage for websites, [social media](#) and classroom resources, plus more than 40 new sample tables and figures.
- The recommendation for only one space after punctuation at the end of a sentence.

"The APA Style team has deftly incorporated a decade's worth of research and user feedback into the new edition," said APA Executive Publisher Jasper Simons. "Writers in classrooms, libraries, offices and coffee shops around the globe will find useful, relevant information as they craft their work."

The Publication Manual has been in constant production and circulation since it debuted in 1952. The book has been translated into 13 languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Romanian, Polish, Greek, Thai, complex and simplified Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic and Turkish. It is the style reference tool of choice for writers, editors, students and educators in psychology and an ever-expanding list of disciplines.

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