APA 7th Edition:
Pertinent changes to reference and in-text citation guidelines


2. The in-text citation for works with three or more authors is now shortened right from the first citation. You only include the first author’s name and “et al.” (8.17-19, pg 266-267)

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If two works shorten to the same citation, list authors until final author is different:
- All authors:
  Kapoor, Bloom, Montez, Warner and Hill (2017)

- Shorten to:
  Kapoor, Bloom, Montez, et al. (2017)
  Kapoor, Bloom, Zucker, et. al. (2017)

If works have have same author and same date, designate:
- Parenthetical: (Judge & Kammeyer, 2012a)
- In-text: Judge and Kammeyer (2012b)

3. Surnames and initials for up to 20 authors (instead of 7) should be provided in the reference list. (9.8, pg 286)

If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors’ names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand), and then add the final author’s name:
Kalnay, E., Kamamitsu, M., Kistler, R., Collins, W., Deaven, D., Gandin, L., Iredell, M., Saha, S., White, G., Woollen, J., Zhu, Y., Chelliah, M.,

4. DOIs are formatted as urls (https://doi.org/xxx). The label “DOI:” is no longer necessary. (9.35, pg 299)

Present both DOIs and URLs as hyperlinks (i.e., beginning with “http://” or “https://”). It is acceptable to use either the default display settings for hyperlinks in your word-processing program (e.g., usually blue font, underlined) or plain text that is not underlined

If an online work has both a DOI and URL, include only the DOI

“Retrieved from,” or “Accessed from” should not precede DOIs and URLs.

5. For ebooks, the format, platform, or device (e.g. Kindle) is no longer included in the reference. (10.2, pg 321)

Example of edited ebook (e.g., Kindle book) or audiobook without a DOI, with a nondatabase URL (pg 322)


6. Audiovisual media citations should include contributors (in various roles) as author (10.2, pg 321 & 10.11, pg 341)

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Artwork | Artist
Online streaming video | Person or group who uploaded the video
Photograph | Photographer

Example of TV series episode *(pg 343)*

Example of podcast episode *(pg 345)*

7. Singular “They” (non-citation/reference note)

Writers should always use singular “they” to refer to a person who uses “they” as their pronoun. Also use “they” as a generic third-person singular pronoun to refer to a person whose gender is unknown or irrelevant to the context of the usage.

When using the singular “they,” use the forms “they,” “them,” “theirs,” and “themselves.” The variant “themself” is also acceptable because the referent is clearly singular.

Examples of correct usage of the singular “they:”
- Each participant turned in their questionnaire.
- Jamie shared their experiences as a genderqueer person.
- A child should learn to play by themselves [or themself] as well as with friends.
- Rowan, a transgender person, helped themselves [or themself] to the free coffee.