# APA 6th Edition: Citation Quick Guide

APA citation style uses two components to cite sources: **references** and **in-text citations**.

## References:
- are located at the end of the paper and identify all published sources used in the paper. The references page is alphabetized, double-spaced and uses a hanging indent. Follow proper formatting based on source type.

## In-text citations:
- identify the source of specific material (quoted or paraphrased) within papers. Each use of source information within a paper requires an in-text citation: (author’s last name, year) or (author’s last name, year, p.#). Although page numbers are encouraged for all source material, they are only required for direct quotes (word for word).

**Note:** The following are examples of commonly used formats. Please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition* for more examples.

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  - In the citation, include an acronym in square brackets if there are subsequent citations from same source. Use only the acronym in subsequent citations.  
  
  
  **In-text citation**: (Canadian Nurses Association [CNA], n.d.)  
  **Subsequent citations**: (CNA, n.d.) |
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  - For reports (both online and in print), use italics for the title.  
  
  
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- In the in-text citations, include page numbers for direct quotations; they are optional for paraphrased information.  
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https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmatsci.2016.07.002  
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https://doi.org/10.2113/gssajg.119.1.39  
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Subsequent citations: (van Tonder et al., 2016) |
| **Journal Article: 6 or 7 Authors** | - The reference includes all authors; the in-text citation only includes the first author’s last name and ‘et al.’.  
In-text citation: (Allen et al., 2016) |
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