**15 Main Changes in APA (2020) 7th edition**

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1. **Sample ‘Student Paper’** (APA 2020, pp. 61-67).

* ‘Running head’, ‘Abstract’ and ‘Authors Note’ not required for student papers, unless the instructor or Institution requires (APA 2020, p. 30, 35, 37, 38, 61).
* Sample ‘Professional paper’ (APA 2020, pp. 50-60).

1. **Running head:** No longer include label ‘Running head’ on Title Page (APA, 2020, p. 37).

* There can now be an extra line space after the heading (APA, 2020, p. 32, 50, 61).

1. **Bold.** ‘**Title of the Paper’**, **‘Abstract’**, and **‘References’** (APA, 2020, p. 40, 58, 66).

* Paper title also appears at the top of the first page of text (APA, 2020, p. 32).

1. **Typeface/Font.** A variety of font choices are permitted in 7th edition APA (2020, p. 44).

* Check with your publisher, instructor, or institution for any requirements regarding font (APA, 2020, p. 44). In APA (2010), 6th edition “the preferred typeface for APA publications was Times New Roman with 12-point font size” (p. 228).

1. **APA Level of Headings**. New 3rd level heading in 7th ed. (APA, 2020, pp. 48–49).

* ***Flush Left, Bold Italic, Title Case Heading*** *3rd level heading.*
* NB: In all 5 level headings, every word is now in Bold and in ‘Title Case Heading’ meaning every letter in each word in each heading is now Capitalized (APA, 2020, pp. 47–49).
* See example of all 5 Level of Headings below.

1. **Three or More Authors in Text.** Write out only the first author’s last name, then “et al.,”

* Use “et al” for the first and every subsequent time cited (APA, 2020, p. 266).

1. **Authors (Up to 20) in Reference.** Include up to 20 Authors (last name and initials;

* For 2 to 20, use ‘&’ ampersand before last author;
* For 21 or more authors, include the first 19 author’s names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and then add the final author’s name (APA 2020, p. 286, 317).

1. **Location of the Publisher.** No longer include in the Reference (APA, 2020, p. 322).
2. **‘Retrieved from’ or ‘Accessed from’.** Do not include before url (APA, 2020, p. 299–300).
3. **Hyperlink (DOI).** Use doi hyperlink for direct link to the article (APA, 2020, p. 300).
4. **Live URL/DOI.** Links should be live if the work is to be published or read on line;

* In 7th ed (APA, 2020),either underline or blue font in the Reference pages is acceptable, or plain font and no underline is acceptable (p. 299).

1. **Inclusive and Bias-free Language.** Use Singular “they” (APA, 2020, pp. 120-121).
2. **Anthropomorphism.** See additional example to clarify avoidance of (APA, 2020, p. 117).
3. **How to Reference:** Powerpoint Slides or Lecture Notes (APA, 2020, p. 347);

* Social Media (tweets, twitter, facebook, etc.) APA, 2020, p. 348-350);
* Audio visual works (Film, Video, TED Talk, Webinar, YouTube (APA, 2020, p. 342–344); Wikipedia entries (APA, 2020, p. 329).

1. **Avoiding Predatory/Deceptive Journals.**

* See common characteristics of predatory/deceptive journals (APA, 2020, pp. 374–376).

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