Quick Reference Guide

**Vancouver referencing style consists of:**
citations to someone else’s work in the text, indicated by the use of a number,
a sequentially numbered reference list at the end of the document providing full details of the corresponding in-text reference.

**In-text citations**
Insert an in-text citation:
when your work has been influenced by someone else’s work, for example:
when you directly quote someone else’s work
when you paraphrase someone else’s work

General rules of in-text citation:
A number is allocated to a source in the order in which it is cited in the text. If the source is referred to again, the same number is used
Use Arabic numerals in square brackets [1], [2], [3], …
Superscripts can also be used rather than brackets
Reference numbers should be inserted to the left or inside of colons and semi-colons
Reference numbers are placed before full stops and commas

**Multiple works by the same author:**
Each individual work by the same author, even if it is published in the same year, has its own reference number.

**Citing secondary sources:**
A secondary source, or indirect citation, occurs when the ideas on one author are published in another author’s work, and you have not accessed or read the original piece of work. Cite the author of the work you have read and also include this source in your reference list.
In-text citation examples

The in-text citation is placed immediately after the text which refers to the source being cited:

...and are generally utilized as industrial textile composites [1].

Including page numbers with in-text citations:

Page numbers are not usually included with the citation number. However should you wish to specify the page number of the source the page/s should be included in the following format:

...and are generally utilized as industrial textile composites [1 p23]. Hearle [1 p16-18] has argued that...

Citing more than one reference at a time:

The preferred method is to list each reference number separated by a comma, or by a dash for a sequence of consecutive numbers. There should be no spaces between commas or dashes

For example: [1,5,6-8]

Reference List

References are listed in numerical order, and in the same order in which they are cited in text. The reference list appears at the end of the paper

Begin your reference list on a new page and title it References

The reference list should include all and only those references you have cited in the text

Use Arabic numerals [1], [2], [3], ...

Full journal titles are preferred

Check the reference details against the actual source - you are indicating that you have read a source when you cite it

Scholarly journal articles

Enter author’s surname followed by no more than 2 initials (full stop)

If more than 1 author: give all authors’ names and separate each by a comma and a space

For articles with 1 to 6 authors, list all authors. For articles with more than 6 authors, list the first 6 authors then add ‘et al.’

Only the first word of the article title and words that normally begin with a capital letter are capitalized.

Use Full journal titles

Follow the date with a semi-colon;
Abbreviate months to their first 3 letters (no full stop)

Give the volume number (no space) followed by issue number in brackets

If the journal has continuous page numbering through its volumes, omit month/issue number.

Page numbers, eg: 123-129.

**Digital Object Identification (DOI) and URLs**

The digital object identifier (DOI) should be provided in the reference where it is available. Use the form as it appears in your source.

**Examples**


Author AA, Author BB, Author CC, Author DD. Title of article. Title of journal. Date of publication YYYY; volume number(issue number):page numbers.


Author AA, Author BB. Title of article. Title of Journal. Date of publication YYYY; volume number(issue number):page numbers. doi


Author AA. Title of book. # edition [if not first]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Pagination.


Editor AA, Editor BB, editors. Title of book. # edition[if not first]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Year. Pagination.


Author AA, Author BB. Title of book. # edition[if not first]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Chapter number, Chapter title; p. [page numbers of chapter].


Author AA. Title of web page [Internet]. Place of Publication: Sponsor of Website/Publisher; Year published [cited YYYY Mon DD]. Number of pages. Available from: URL DOI: (if available)

Author AA. Title of paper. In: Editor AA, editor. Title of book. Proceedings of the Title of the Conference; Date of conference; Place of Conference. Place of publication: Publisher’s name; Year of Publication. p. page numbers.


Author AA. Title of thesis [dissertation]. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. Number of pages


Author AA. Title of thesis [dissertation on the Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. [cited YYYY abb. month DD]. Available from: URL

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