
To	Ako Ahimura Committee	From	Rowena Fuluifaga, Caroline Malthus, Susan Eady
Title	Change from APA 6th edition to APA 7th edition	Date	26 February 2020

Recommendation/s

That the Ako Ahimura Committee, discuss and endorse the following recommendations below:

- At Unitec we recommend that lecturers accept assignments referenced using APA 6th ed. for a period of time, e.g. end of second semester 2020, to be decided upon within each School and communicated to Susan Eady and Caroline Malthus for the information of our teams.
- Our teams undertake to recommend a guide to APA 7th ed. by end of Semester 1 2020 for those Schools who wish to change at mid-year.
- For clarity for students we strongly suggest that all Schools aim to migrate completely to APA 7th ed. for the start of Semester 1, 2021.
- We recommend Schools adopt a consistent approach across each programme to ease the changeover for students and teaching APA 7th ed.
- While consistency in use of a referencing system is desirable, we recommend lecturers observe leniency when assessing APA referencing in student assignments during the changeover.
- From the start of Semester 1 2021, our teams will only be supporting and teaching APA 7th ed.

Background

The American Psychological Association (APA) has recently published the Seventh Edition of the APA Publication Manual (full ref). This contains a number of changes to APA referencing formats. APA is the referencing style most commonly used on Unitec programmes.

The Learning and Achievement team, including Subject Librarians (formerly LKS) and Learning Advisors (formerly ADLs) have liaised with colleagues from other institutions and found that some of our external colleagues have changed their guides and

resources to APA 7th and are in a position to transition to this in Semester 1 2020, while others are adopting a more gradual approach.

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