Council of Science Editors [CSE] Citation Guidelines

When documenting a source using CSE, an author has the choice of placing the citation in parentheses after the cited information or two ways of using superscript footnotes that refer to reference list entries. In the following handout, all three ways of documenting are presented. Ask your professor or publisher which style is preferred.

All information garnered from a source not your own must be cited. Generally speaking, CSE guidelines recommend paraphrasing over citing directly.

As with APA, CSE guidelines recommend placing references as close as possible to the cited information; this allows the source of information to be indicated clearly.

In Reference pages, Journal titles are abbreviated. For example, the Journal of Military Science would be abbreviated J of Mil Sci. Journal titles that are single words (e.g., Nature, Gastroenterology) will not be abbreviated. Also, the References page may be titled References, References Used, or Cited References.

Samples: NAME-DATE FORMAT

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<td>In Doe’s (2007) study of coronal mass ejections, numerous instances of satellite disruption are documented.</td>
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<td>Coronal mass ejections often disrupt satellite communications (Doe 2007).</td>
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### Two Authors

| In text | Some researchers (Doe and Koenig 2007) suggest that modern birds are descendants of dinosaurs.  
As part of the sentence:  
Doe and Koenig (2007) suggest that modern birds are descendants of dinosaurs. |
| End of sentence | Modern birds are descended from dinosaurs (Doe and Koenig 2007). |

### Three or more authors

| In text | When a work has three or more authors, the in-text reference should include only the first author followed by “et al.” for the rest; the date follows:  
Doe et al. (2008) note that constructing a moon base to prepare for future missions to Mars is far more logical than launching a mission directly to Mars. |
| End of sentence | Constructing a moon base to prepare for future missions to Mars is far more logical than launching a mission directly to Mars (Doe et al. 2008). |
| End reference (book) | All authors up to a maximum of 10 should be listed in an End References page. Should a work have more than 10 authors, list the first ten followed by “et al.” for the remainder.  
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At times, a source will have no author listed. In this instance, the citations in the References list will place the title of the work in the author’s position. For the in-text reference, the first few words of the title (or as many as are required to distinguish it from other sources) should be used followed by an ellipses and “c” with the year of publication following. Example:

In text:

However, most respondents responded that they experienced abdominal pain (Citation guide…c 2008).

End Reference:

Citation guide for CSE papers. C2008. Denver (CO): Citation Guide Publishing.

While not very common for the types of sources required for CSE papers, some sources do not have dates of publication listed. In the instance, do the following:

In text:

A study regarding rat brains (Doe [date unknown]) involved…

End Reference:


Occasionally, it is necessary to cite multiple works by the same author that were published in different years. In text, the citation would be as follows:

Monkeys are part of the primate family (Doe 2001, 2008).

Many authors publish numerous works in the same year, and at times it is necessary to cite both. In the name-date format of CSE citing, the works are alphabetized in the References list and then assigned a lower-case number based upon its place in the alphabetization. For example, if you have three works by the same author in the same year, the works will be alphabetized based upon the title, and a lower case letter will be placed after the year: a for the first one, b for
the second, and e for the third. The Reference list citation would look like:


In text, you would cite them as such:

(Doe 2008a, 2008b, 2008c).

Two works by different author, same year

Some authors have the same last name AND also publish material in the same year. To cite these sources, you will use the initials of the author in the in-text citation:

Some theorists (Doe J 2001; Doe Q 2001) have studied lunar ejecta.

Samples: NUMBERING

CSE guidelines list two ways to employ the numbering system: 1) Listing the references in order that they are used in the paper; or 2) Alphabetizing the references and then using the number in the alphabetization in the paper itself.

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