
DOI Guidelines

Student Success utilises CrossRef:

A not-for-profit network founded on publisher collaboration, with a mandate to make reference linking throughout online scholarly literature efficient and reliable.

(CrossRef, 2015, <http://www.crossref.org/01company/16fastfacts.html>)

Essentially, CrossRef is **an infrastructure for linking citations across publishers**, and the only full-scale implementation of the Digital Object Identifier (or DOI) System to date.

What is a DOI?

A **Digital Object Identifier (DOI)** is a permanent and unique combination of numbers and letters, assigned by the publisher of a work, which can be used to locate it wherever it is available online. Example: doi: 10.1103/PhysRevD.15.2752

Most journal article references will have a DOI. Many electronic books (eBooks) also have DOIs.

In the CrossRef system, each DOI is associated with a set of basic metadata and a URL pointer to the full text, so that it uniquely identifies the content item and provides a persistent link to its location on the internet.

Instructions for Authors – adding DOIs to references

There are several ways to locate your DOIs.

The *easiest* method is to copy and paste your title into Google – this should bring up the location of the article and provide the DOI. Alternatively, you can enter the individual reference details in CrossRef's [free DOI lookup](#)

Once your article is published online this Journal will assign a DOI in the full reference which will appear on the abstract page – example:

Zepke, N. (2013). Student engagement: A complex business supporting the first year experience in tertiary education. *The International Journal of the First Year in Higher Education*, 4(2). 1-14. doi: 10.5204/intjfyhe.v4i2.183

APA Referencing - adding your DOI

cite/write has more information and examples of DOIs in relation to referencing in APA style in the journal article examples:

<http://www.citewrite.qut.edu.au/cite/qutcite.jsp#apa> - see QUT APA examples

For more information on CrossRef: <http://www.crossref.org/>

Downloadable information on DOIs:

http://www.crossref.org/08downloads/handouts/library_researcher.pdf