

# APA -- new 6<sup>th</sup> edition NOTES about the changes

Generally, the new edition is better organized, easier to read, and easier to use than previous editions.

## **Changes in Textual Style**

Chapter Three includes Guidelines for reducing bias in language, including gender, sexual orientation, racial and ethnic identity, disabilities and age.

## **Changes In Citations and References**

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In a reference entry, if there are seven or fewer authors, list all of them; if more than seven, list the first six, put in an ellipsis, and then add the name of the last author.

There are new guidelines for (1) different authors with the same last names and same first initials, (2) hyphenated first names, and (3) authors listed as “with.”

## **Changes in Quotations**

**Double space** all quotations—even longer (40 words or more) blocked quotations.

If a quotation does not have a page number cite the paragraph number: use the abbreviation **para.**

## **Changes in Editing Style**

**Running Head** (not Page Header) flush left on every page.

**Bold** print used for the first three levels of **Headings** (see chart on p. 62).

Other minor changes include (1) two spaces after sentence periods, (2) the plural of *Appendix* is spelled *Appendices*, new rules for the use of numerals vs. words for numbers.

Approval is given for the use of (1) bulleted lists, (2) new statistical abbreviations and symbols (see chart on p. 119), and (3) use of both the terms *participants* and *subjects*.

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### Reference

American Psychological Association (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.