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# **Summary of main changes from APA 6th to APA 7th**

The University of Salford has changed its official referencing style used by most students to the APA 7th edition, from 1st September, 2021. The following is designed for returning students, and is a summary of the main changes from APA 6th to APA 7th.

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| If a work has 3, 4 or 5 authors, all were named in the first citation, e.g.  (Underwood, Shelbourn, Fleming, Heywood, & Roberts, 2018).  Subsequent citations are abbreviated to the first author followed by et al., e.g.  (Underwood et al., 2018). | For works with 3 or more authors, include the name of only the first author and the abbreviation “et al.” in every in-text citation, even the first time a citation appears, e.g.  (Underwood et al., 2018)  Disambiguate citations by adding more names until they are unique. |
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