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Transformational Agreements and APCs

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Transformational (Read & Publish) Agreements

What are Transformational Agreements?

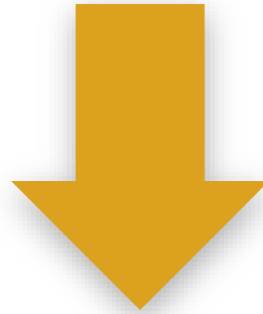
- ❑ Transformational agreements are contracts between publishers and institutions which aim to facilitate the transition from subscription-based journal publishing model to full Open Access.
- ❑ These agreements are negotiated by the SANLiC on behalf of its Higher Education and Research Institution members.
- ❑ SANLiC is a non-profit consortium of member institutions aimed at negotiating the procurement of and securing access to information resources on behalf of its members.

What Does These Agreements mean for UP Authors?

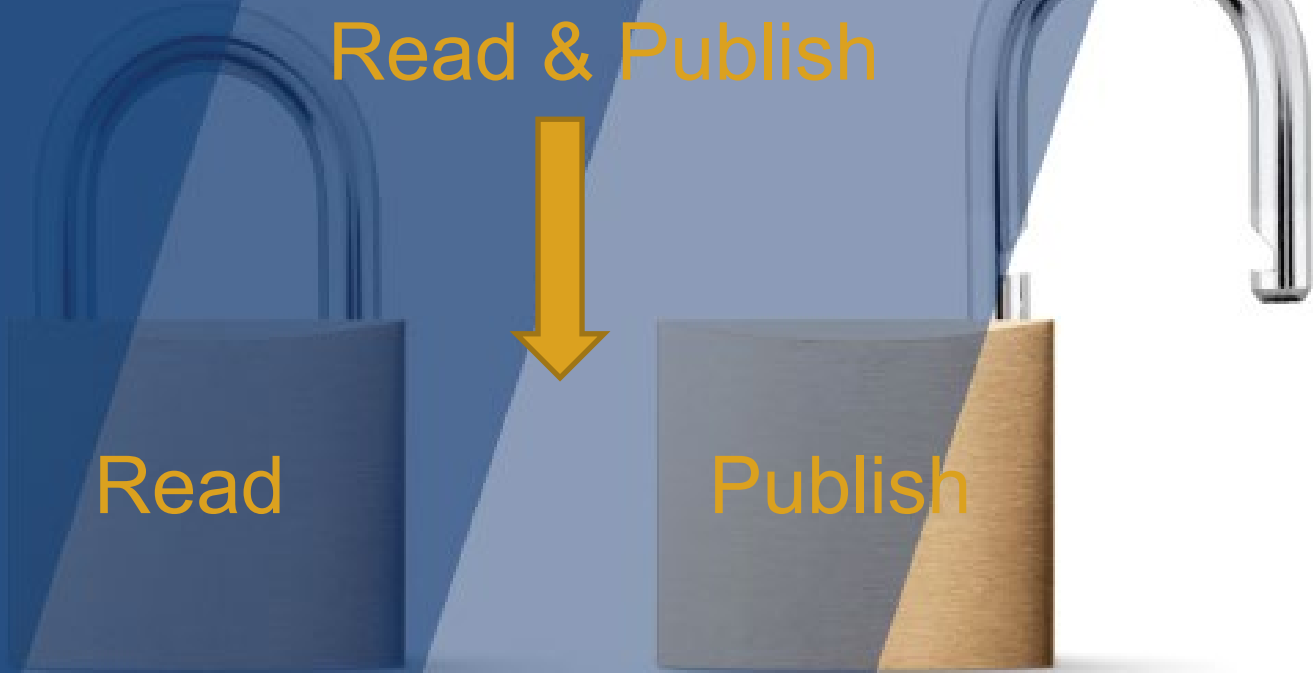
- ❑ Transformational agreements allow researchers **unlimited read access** to a portfolio of journals, plus **funding to cover Article Processing Charges (APCs)** when choosing to publish OA.



**Traditional subscription models:
Pay to read**



**New vision:
Pay to publish, then read for free**



Subscriptions

Open Access

What is Open Access?

Open Access (OA) refers to the practice of providing unrestricted access to research publications, enabling anyone to read and utilise the findings without financial or legal barriers.

OA extends beyond simply making research available for reading; it also entails permitting others to reuse the research. This may include analysing the content or building upon it for further exploration or innovation.

Benefits of Open Access

Compliance with Funder Mandates

Increased Visibility

Enhanced Public Engagement

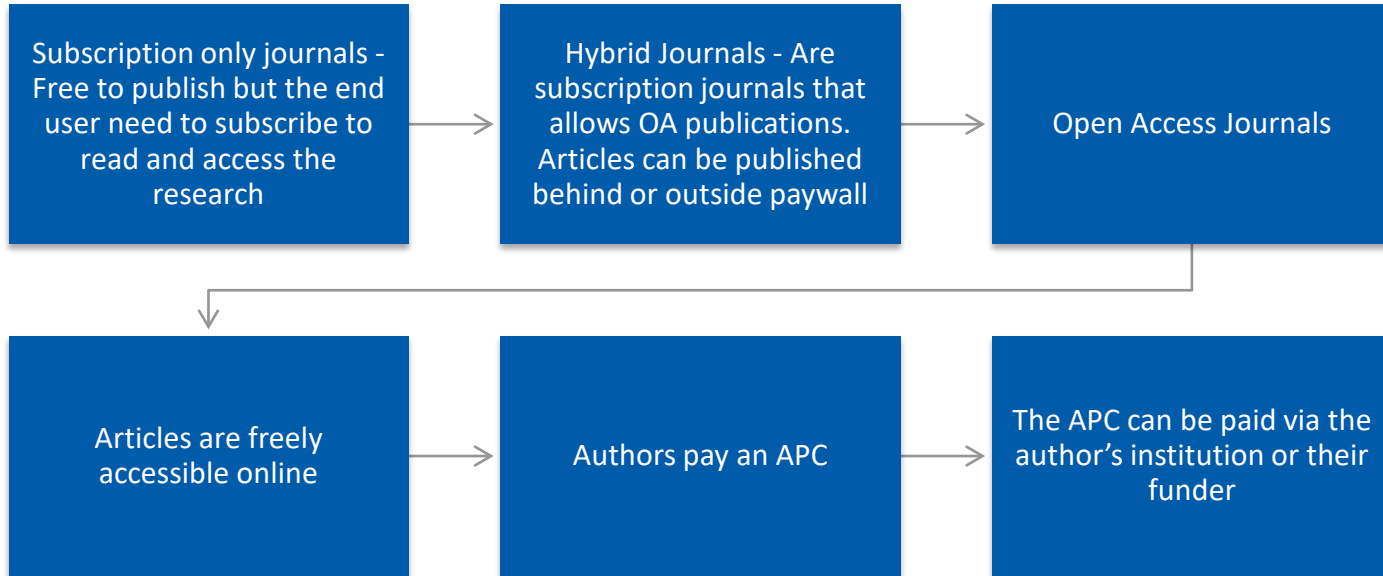
Increased usage and citations

Collaboration Partners

Increased Societal Impact

Contribution to Open Research

Different Types of Journals



Journal Covered by the R&P Agreement



APCs covered by the Read and Publish Agreements in 2025

Important resource: SANLIC Website: <https://sanlic.ac.za/read-and-publish-agreements/>

Agreement	Hybrid <u>eligible</u> journals – 100% APC covered by the agreement.	Fully Open Access: <u>eligible</u> journals with discounts.	Years of the agreement
ACS	100%	ACS Au journals (APC paid by the Author (flat rate) ACS OMEGA (100% paid by the author, it's already heavily discounted)	2023-2025
ACM	100%	100% (No APC paid by the Author)	2024-2026
Elsevier (Science Direct)	100%	15% APC discount (APC paid by the author)	2023-2025
Emerald	100%	Fully OA not included (APC to be paid by the author)	2025-2027



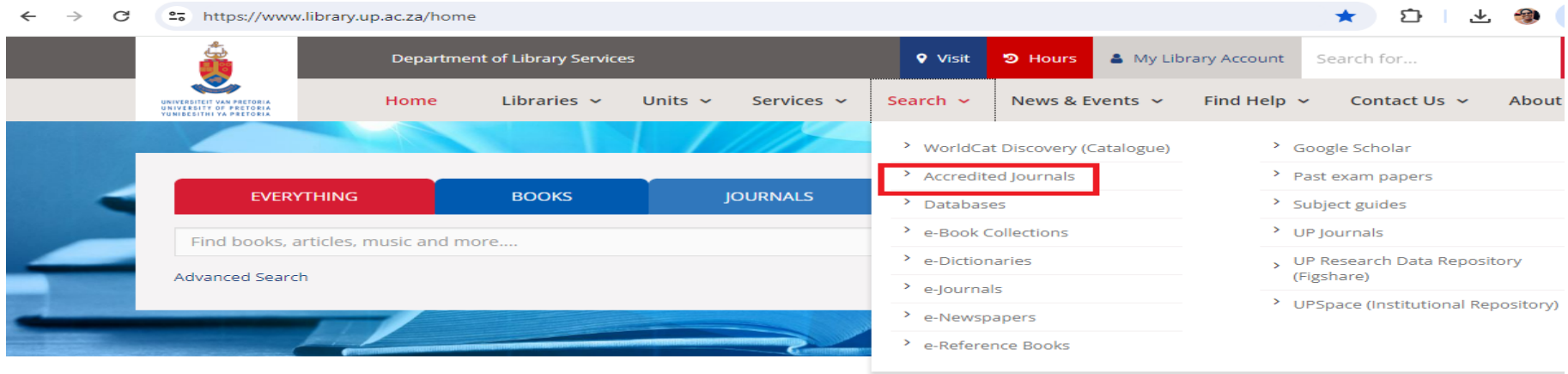
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Royal Society of Chemistry	100 %	100% (No APC paid by the author)	2024-2027
SAGE	100%	20% APC discount (APC paid by the author)	2025-2027
Springer	100%	Fully OA not included (APC to be paid by the author)	2023-2025
Taylor & Francis	100% Social Sciences, Humanities and Science & Technology journals	10% APC discount (APC paid by the author)	2024-2026
The Company of Biologists	100%	100% (No APC paid by the author)	2024-2026
Wiley	100%	100% (No APC paid by the author)	2022-2025



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Accredited Journals

- ❑ Are journals that are recognised for their credibility and trustworthiness and meet all the criterion standards set by the DHET. They also qualify for DHET subsidy and are considered for NFR evaluation.

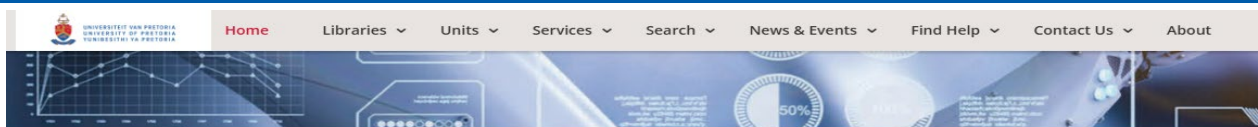


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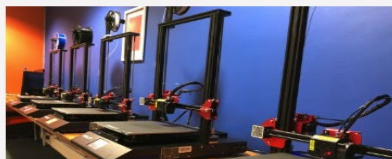
How to access the list of journals



Accredited Journals

Accredited journals are recognised academic journals which meet specified criteria and therefore qualify for subsidisation by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). To receive subsidy or recognition for an article you have written, you should select a journal which is accredited from one of the lists below.

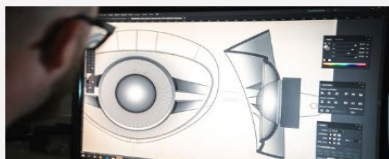
Please note: Listed below are the official lists from the Department of Higher Education and Training, as supplied by the UP Department of Research and Innovation Support.



DHET acknowledged lists (2025)

Alphabetical integrated list of accredited journals for 2025 (including all 7 lists below)

- Clarivate Analytics Web of Science
- IBSS
- DHET
- Norwegian
- SciELO SA
- Scopus
- DOAJ



Policies for list inclusion

- Clarivate Analytics (Previously called ISI and Thomson Reuters)
- IBSS
- DHET
- Scopus

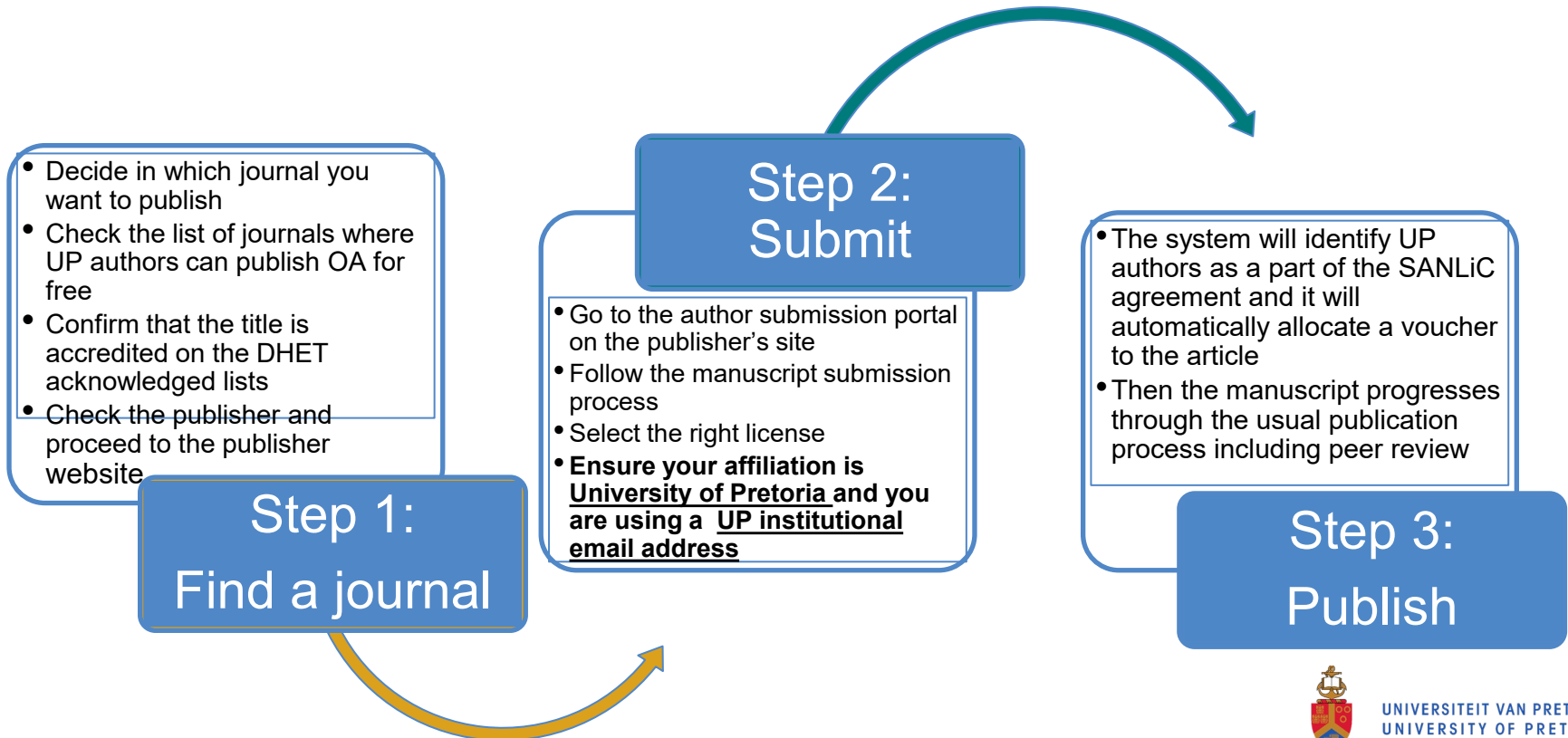


Other Resources

- e-Journal Titles: A-Z
- Journal Citation Reports
- ~~Predatory journals~~

List of journals where UP authors can publish Open Access for free

3 Easy steps for OA publishing in journals included in the R & P deals:



Tips for Authors



Creative Commons Licenses

CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSES

	PUBLIC DOMAIN
	CC BY
	CC BY-SA
	CC BY-ND
	CC BY-NC
	CC BY-NC-SA
	CC BY-NC-ND

COPY & PUBLISH

ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED

COMMERCIAL USE

MODIFY & ADAPT

CHANGE LICENSE

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You can redistribute (copy, publish, display, communicate, etc.)



You have to attribute the original work



You can use the work commercially



You can modify and adapt the original work



You can choose license type for your adaptations of the work.

UP Publications under Transformational R&P Agreements in 2024

Row Labels	Sum of Est. discount value ZAR	Count of DOI
CAS	R59 198	1
EBIT	R5 832 354	107
Education	R724 690	14
EMS	R2 877 672	56
FABI	R442 022	9
Future Africa	R156 974	3
GIBS	R824 830	14
Health Sciences	R6 709 157	117
Humanities	R2 753 350	54
Law	R398 954	8
Library Services	R72 000	1
NAS	R10 753 630	214
Theology	R175 770	4
VET	R1 914 959	35
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Grand Total	R33 695 559	637

Row Labels	Sum of Est. discount value ZAR	Count of DOI
ACM	R93 667	5
ACS	R252 901	3
COB	R181 272	2
CUP	R532 778	10
ELSEVIER	R9 749 073	199
EMERALD	R1 368 005	19
RSC	R541 897	11
SPRINGER	R6 532 525	125
TAYLOR & FRANCIS	R4 758 923	103
WILEY	R9 684 518	160
Grand Total	R33 695 559	R637

Open Vs Closed articles

Publisher		(All)		
Count of DOI		Column Labels		
Row Labels		Closed	OA	Grand Total
Fully OA		2	67	69
Fully OA (No APC)			1	1
Hybrid		46	521	567
Grand Total		48	589	637

Library Article Processing Charges funding

- ❑ In this fund we support researchers who are publishing in Gold OA Journals not included on the TAs
- ❑ This funding is very limited, it is based on first come first served basis
- ❑ The journal needs to be indexed on the DHET accredited list, and on DOAJ
- ❑ The IF should be above 0, lower than 1 is considered as low
- ❑ The journal should rank between Q 1-3 if its Q4 the Dean needs to motivate
- ❑ The library contributes a refundable portion of 50/60%
- ❑ This fund excludes books, monographs & book chapter publications
- ❑ Retrospective support is not provided, only articles published in the current year are supported

Manuscript Submission Process

Author sends the manuscript to the publisher

Publisher sends the invoice to the author to pay APCs

Author pays full amount to the publisher from their funds from the department/faculty cost centre

Author receives proof of payment from the publisher

Then the article gets published and becomes available online

APC Application Process

The APC Application form signed by the Dean

The detailed transactional report per cost centre

The published version of the article

Proof of payment in South African Rands & the invoice

apc.applications@up.ac.za

Open Access Publishing Resources



APC guide: <https://library.up.ac.za/c.php?g=1126926&p=8249883>



R & P agreements guide: <https://library.up.ac.za/c.php?g=1126926&p=8966307>



R & P journal list: https://www.library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content_id=65993708



DHET list: https://www.library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content_id=75601266

Conclusion

In conclusion, it's important to emphasise that these agreements hold limited value unless researchers actively embrace and make the most of the available OA publishing opportunities.

Some publishers impose limits on the number of articles that can be published under TAs, but in most case, we do not even reach those caps.

We strongly encourage our researchers to consistently opt for OA when publishers request them to make a choice.



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