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Directory of Open Access Journals(DOAJ). Basic Criteria For Indexation

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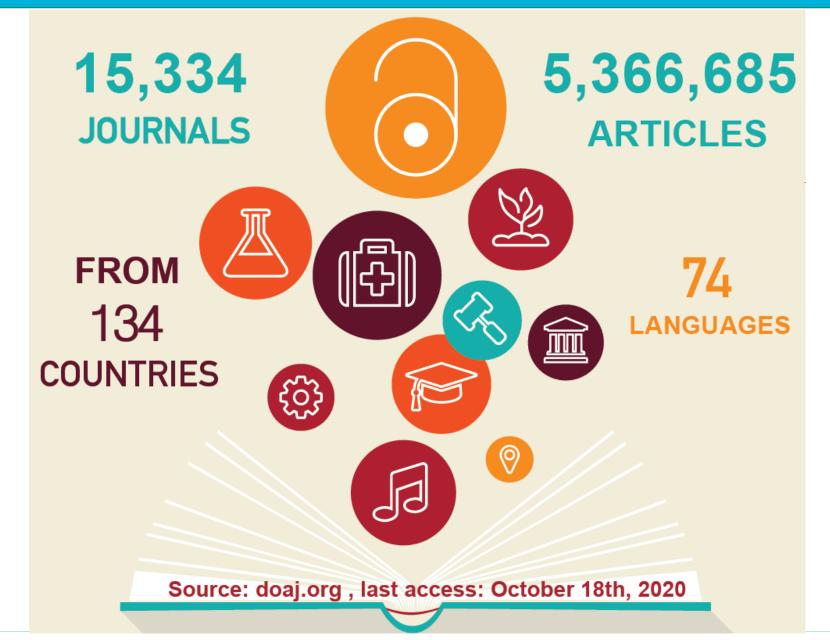**DOAJ Managing Editor & Ambassador for MENA region**

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DOAJ

❑ **DOAJ is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals.**

❑ **DOAJ is independent. All funding is via donations, 18% of which comes from sponsors and 82% from supporters and publisher supporters.**

❑ **All DOAJ services are free of charge including being indexed in DOAJ. All data is freely available.**

❑ **DOAJ contains a more diverse set of peer-reviewed, open access journals than any other database.**

❑ **DOAJ is a signatory of the Helsinki Initiative which encourages multilingualism in research and scholarly communication.**

❑ **DOAJ operates an education and outreach program across the globe, focusing on improving the quality of applications submitted.**

DOAJ

15,334 JOURNALS

5,366,685 ARTICLES

FROM 134 COUNTRIES

74 LANGUAGES

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1. History of DOAJ

- DOAJ was launched in May 2003 with 300 journals.

- Initially funded by grants - a membership and sponsorship funding model was introduced in 2006

- Now operated by Infrastructure Services for Open Access (IS4OA) www.is4oa.org
  - A not-for-profit, Community Interest Company registered in the UK
  - Company activities must benefit research
  - Cannot be sold to private companies!

2. Importance of DOAJ

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- **For researchers as authors**
  - Identify good publishing channels for publishing in OA
  - Comply with OA-policies & mandates, such as Plan S.

- **For librarians and libraries**
  - Provide access to lots of OA-content easily
  - Enabling librarians to provide advice to researchers
  - Determine eligibility for APC- support from OA-publication funds

- **For universities, research institutions, research funders, governments**
  - Determining compliance with OA-policies and mandates
  - Determine eligibility for APC-support
  - Identifying quality OA-journals to count in Research Assessment Systems

- **For Publishers**
  - Increased traffic, visibility & impact
  - Increased number of submissions
  - Certification & prestige
    Inclusion in accreditation lists of research funders and governments
  - Eligibility for support from OA-publication funds

- **For Service Providers (Aggregators, Databases and Search Engines)**
  - Harvesting article metadata records for inclusion in services, databases, indexes etc.

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3. Basic Criteria for Indexation (1/6)

Content requirements

❑ A journal must be actively publishing scholarly research and should publish at least 5 scholarly articles per year. At least a third of the total content of the journal should consist of peer-reviewed original research and/or review papers.

❑ The primary target audience should be researchers. All research subject areas are accepted.

❑ Journals published in any language may apply. There is no requirement to publish in English.

❑ Journals of all origins are eligible for inclusion: academic, government, commercial, non-profit, private and so on.

3. Basic Criteria for Indexation (2/6)

❑ **Journal must have an ISSN**

A journal must have at least one ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) which is current, registered and confirmed at issn.org. The name of the journal should match what is recorded at issn.org

❑ **Type of Open Access**

The full text of ALL content must be available free and open access without delay (no embargo period). However, DOAJ will accept journals that have flipped to open access even if the previous volumes are not freely available.

Requiring users to register to read content is not accepted.

The journal's open access policy must be clearly stated on the journal web site (not just the publisher's own site). Ideally, it will follow the BOAI definition of open access

3. Basic Criteria for Indexation (3/6)

The journal website

❑ The journal must have its own dedicated URL and homepage.

❑ The website should be clear and easy to navigate. It must demonstrate that care has been taken to ensure high ethical and professional standards as per the **Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing**.

3. Basic Criteria for Indexation (4/6)

The following information must be available from the journal website:

- ❑ Open Access policy

- ❑ Aims and scope

- ❑ Editorial board (including institutional affiliations of all members)

- ❑ Instructions for authors

- ❑ Editorial process (peer review)

- ❑ Plagiarism policy (if any)

- ❑ Copyright and licensing terms

- ❑ Author charges (must be stated, even if zero)

- ❑ Contact details

3. Basic Criteria for Indexation (5/6)

Editorial process

❏ A journal must have an editor and an editorial board. The current editorial board must be listed on the journal site and include the name and affiliation of all editors and board members.

❏ All articles must pass through a quality control system (editorial review or peer review) before publication and the exact type of review must be stated clearly on the website. (Only for Arts and Humanities journals will we accept a form of editorial review using only two editors and no editorial board.)

❏ If the journal is run by a student body, the journal must have an advisory board of which at least two members have a PhD or equivalent.

3. Basic Criteria for Indexation (6/6)

Licensing

The licensing terms for use and re-use of the published content by others must be clearly stated on the website and, preferably, on the full text of every article. DOAJ recommends the use of Creative Commons licenses for this purpose.

If Creative Commons licensing is not used, similar terms and conditions should be applied and extra care taken to state these terms clearly.

Copyright

The terms of copyright applied to the published content must be clearly stated and separate from the copyright terms applied to the website. Copyright may be retained by the author (best practice) or transferred or licensed to the publisher.

Copyright terms mustn't contradict the licensing terms or the terms of the Open Access policy.

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