

## Key updates to NHMRC's *Open Access Policy* (September 2022)

Topic	2018 Policy	Revised Policy (2022)
<b>Format</b>	Information provided in two documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Open Access Policy</i></li> <li><i>Open Access Policy—Further Guidance</i> providing answers to 'Frequently Asked Questions'.</li> </ul>	Policy and guidance combined into a single document with a clear distinction between sections outlining policy and sections outlining guidance for implementing the policy.
<b>Publications</b>	Publications must be made open access within a 12-month period from the date of publication.	Publications must be made immediately open access, that is, without any embargo period at the time of first online publication.
<b>Publications: Licensing</b>	Use of Creative Commons Attribution 'CC BY' licence for publications encouraged.	All publications must have a Creative Commons Attribution 'CC BY' licence.
<b>Publications: Metadata</b>	Publication metadata must be made openly accessible as soon as possible but no later than 3 months from the date of publication.	No change.
<b>Publications: Research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities</b>	No information.	Detailed guidance included.
<b>Publications: Routes to open access publishing</b>	Information about open access publishing provided in <i>Open Access Policy—Further Guidance</i> as answers to 'Frequently Asked Questions'.	Clearer guidance provided for acceptable routes and locations for making publications openly accessible, including both journal-based and repository-based options.
<b>Publications: Freedom of choice of journal</b>	Authors have the freedom to publish in their journal of choice, including in subscription journals.	No change. Authors continue to have the freedom to publish in the journal and/or format of choice. Guidance provided about hybrid journal and unacceptable sites.
<b>Publication: Costs</b>	No information about the use of NHMRC funding for Open Access publication costs.	Guidance provided about the use of NHMRC funding to pay Open Access publication costs.
<b>Publications: Compliance monitoring</b>	No information about compliance monitoring.	Information provided about compliance monitoring.
<b>Resource information</b>	Resource information provided throughout the documents.	Resource information collected into a separate section, updated and resources added to assist with understanding and implementation of the Policy.
<b>Research data and patents</b>	Information about research data and patents provided in <i>Open Access Policy</i> and <i>Open Access Policy—Further Guidance</i> providing answers to 'Frequently Asked Questions'.	Policy requirements about research data and patents not revised. Presentation of the information updated to fit with the new format of the Policy. Minor changes include editorial changes and updating of out-of-date information and weblinks.
<b>Definitions</b>		Definitions updated and aligned with internationally accepted norms and other NHMRC policies.

## Key updates November 2023

Removal of Patents section as Source IP is no longer extant.

Additional resources to assist with understanding and implementation of the Policy.