Mastering DOAJ Inclusion: Achieving Open Access Excellence for Asian Journals

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What we’ll cover

- Why apply to DOAJ?
- DOAJ and diamond OA
- Application and review process
- Key points in the application
Why apply to DOAJ?
Benefits of DOAJ indexing

- Demonstrate your journal meets the OA “gold standard”
- Increase discoverability in search engines and indexing services
- Attract more authors and readers locally and from around the world
- Higher profile and recognition
- Enhance the reputation and impact of your journal
DOAJ Geographic spread of journals in DOAJ

Data collected from DOAJ 2024-07-02
DOAJ and Diamond OA
67% of journals in DOAJ are **without** APCs

Asian journals in DOAJ **without** APCs: 60%
Journal title by APC and Author holds copyright without restrictions

- Yes: 1619 (30%)
- No: 1640 (30%)
- Yes: 1164 (21%)
- No: 1029 (19%)

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DOAJ and Diamond OA

DOAJ indexes *all types* of fully open-access journals, and supports Diamond OA in several ways:

- Highlighting Diamond OA journals in our communications
- Endorsing the Action Plan for Diamond OA
- Collaborating in projects like DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA
- Encouraging journal indexing in underrepresented regions
Application and review
DOAJ statistics 2023

8000 applications & over 4000 update requests from journals

24% of applications accepted for inclusion

12 editorial staff, plus over 100 volunteer editors
Application review and decision

Application: Publisher/editor
Initial checks: DOAJ Triage team
Independent review: DOAJ Editorial team
Final decision: DOAJ Managing Editor
Feedback: Publisher/editor
Initial checks by the Triage team

These checks include...

- ISSN(s) are fully registered at issn.org
- The journal website is available
- Full-text articles are freely available without delay or registration
- Copyright and licensing information is given
Independent review

DOAJ volunteers or staff...

- Check the application against the journal website
- May contact publisher/editor with queries
- May identify areas of concern
- Recommend to accept or reject
Final decision

DOAJ Managing Editor...

- Reviews application and recommendation
- May undertake further review or return with queries
- Makes final decision to accept or reject
Feedback

After final decision...

- Automated email sent to journals accepted for inclusion
- Journals appear in DOAJ immediately
- Automated or manual email sent to rejected journals
- Publisher/editor must usually wait for 6 months before reapplying
Common reasons for rejection

- Not enough research content published
- Some full text articles unavailable
- Links given in application don’t lead to the right information
- Required information is missing or unclear on website
- Licensing and/or copyright information is unclear
- Peer review issues/endogeny
Average application processing time: 3 months
Key points
COPE, DOAJ, OASPA, WAME

Principles of transparency and best practice in scholarly publishing
All journals need to **apply for inclusion** in DOAJ

The journal must...

- Be fully open access
- Be actively publishing peer-reviewed research
- Meet DOAJ basic criteria - check the [Guide to applying](#)
In the application form

1. Open access compliance
2. About the journal
3. Copyright and licensing
4. Editorial policies
5. Business model
6. Best practice
5 Business model

● Does the journal charge fees for publishing an article?
  ○ Must state charges **even if zero**
● Waivers
● Other fees
Community projects to support OA journals

The OA Journals Toolkit is an online resource that provides guidance for new and established OA journals.

PLACE is an online forum for publishers, editors and anyone involved in publishing. Launched and monitored by Crossref, DOAJ, COPE & OASPA.
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JASPER is an initiative to preserve OA journals

Through a range of tools and practical resources, this international, cross-sector initiative aims to educate researchers, promote integrity, and build trust in credible research and publications.
Thank you!

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