

# APA REFERENCES LIST: GREY LITERATURE / LAWS

How to reference laws, press releases, codes of ethics, grants, policy briefs, etc.

- Many **government documents** fall under the category of grey literature and could be referenced in much the same way as online articles. See below for details.
- References to laws already have a standard citation method and do not require many changes to be made in APA. Nonetheless, a few Canadian examples have been included here as guidelines.

## A REPORT BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR OTHER ORGANIZATION:

- The agency or organization in question is considered the author of the report. Provide the URL.

**Canada Council for the Arts. (2013). *What we heard: Summary of key findings: 2013 Canada Council's Inter-Arts Office consultation*. [http://publications.qc.ca/collections/collection\\_2017/canadacouncil/K23-65-2013-eng.pdf](http://publications.qc.ca/collections/collection_2017/canadacouncil/K23-65-2013-eng.pdf)**

- If the author is a governmental organization, but the publisher is a separate entity, then write the name of the publisher after the title of the report.
- Sometimes, the publisher is the agency's parent agency or department. In such cases, list the parent agency/department (the higher governmental level), followed by the child agency/department (the lower governmental level).

**National Pollutant Release Inventory. (2020). *Canada's National Pollutant Release Inventory: Data highlights 2018*. Natural Resources Canada, Pollution and Waste Management. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/national-pollutant-release-inventory/tools-resources-data/fact-sheet.html>**

- **Press releases, codes of ethics, and annual reports** are referenced using essentially the same format as the examples above. You may provide the type of report in square brackets at the end of the title.

## A GRANT:

- List the **principal investigator** as the author with their role in parentheses as shown below. Put the project start and end year(s) as the date.
- List the funding agency as the publication source.
- Some agencies call grant numbers "project numbers"; use the appropriate terminology for the grant in your reference.

**Patel, V. (Principal Investigator). (2016–2020). *Analyzing the effects of carbon pollutants on Canada's wetlands* (Grant No. 3T02KS07288492) [Grant]. National Institute of Ecological Research. [https://projectreporter.nier.ca/project\\_info\\_details.cfm?aid=938495821&icde=4929295](https://projectreporter.nier.ca/project_info_details.cfm?aid=938495821&icde=4929295)**



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## LAWS:

- Examples from Canadian law are given here. Conventions for citing laws from other countries vary.
- For most laws, use the standard legal citation style provided in the law book or document.

## A bill:

- Write the bill's name (italicized) in title case in place of the author (Title Case is Written Like This).
- Write the date of the bill's first reading in Parliament in the format shown, followed by the number of the Parliament, and the number of the session.

*Bill C-15: An Act Respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.* (2020). (2020). 1st Reading, Dec. 3, 2020, 43rd Parliament, 2nd session. <https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&billId=11007812>

## A government regulation:

- List the name of the regulation, followed by the name of the source.
- Use sentence case in the title of the regulation. Do not italicize it. (Sentence case is written like this.)
- This regulation was obtained from the *Canada Gazette*, a publication that lists enacted government regulations. In this case, the volume and issue numbers are provided exactly as if the regulation were an article in a journal.

*Regulations amending the sulfur in gasoline regulations: SOR/2020-277.* (December 16, 2020). *Canada Gazette Part II, 154(26).* <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2020/2020-12-23/html/sor-dors277-eng.html>

## A Canadian Supreme Court case:

- After the title of the case, use the citation as given by the court, followed by the year.
- Italicize the names of cases in your text but not in your References list.
- Court cases often have several years, each of which reflects a specific stage in the case's history. Include all years in your citation.

*Morasse v. Nadeau-Dubois*, 44 Supreme Court of Canada. (2016). <https://sccc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/16202/index.do>

## An act or statute:

- Write the name of the act or statute as given.
- Titles of acts or statutes are not italicized.

*Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (2001, c. 27).* <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/I-2.5/index.html>

For more information, consult the APA manual or contact the Academic Skills Centre.