

Open Access requirements for the REF

Checking journal compliance

This guide explains how to use Sherpa Romeo to check publisher permissions of your chosen journal. It works with the “Article versions explained” guide, to make sure you choose the right version of your article to upload to KAR to comply with the new REF rules.

Read this alongside the “Open Access requirements for the REF – summary guide”. If you’re not sure what any of the terms mean, have a look at the “Open Access glossary”.

Does my journal comply?

All articles that are published by the Gold route meet the requirements. A journal meets the requirements if a publisher:

- allows the deposit of the Author’s Accepted Manuscript or post-print in a repository, eg [KAR](#)
- restricts access to the output for no more than 12 months for REF Panels A and B and 24 months for Panels C and D. This restricted access period is called an embargo.

Use the Sherpa Romeo service to check if a journal complies:

How to use Sherpa Romeo

1. Go to www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo
2. Enter the journal’s title in the Search box
3. Click **Search**
4. When the journal information is displayed, pay particular attention to the sections “**Author’s Post-print**”, “**Restrictions**” and “**General Conditions**”

Example 1: you are allowed to deposit your post-print in a repository

An article in this journal is eligible for all REF panels.

Journal:	Cinema Journal (ISSN: 0009-7101)
RoMEO:	This is a RoMEO green journal
Author's Pre-print:	✓ author can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
Author's Post-print:	✓ author can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
Publisher's version/PDF:	✗ author cannot archive publisher's version/PDF
General Conditions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On personal website, institutional repository or discipline specific not-for-profit server at time of acceptance for publication• Pre-print must be marked on opening page as a 'working paper'• Post-prints must acknowledge published source with "This is a pre-copyedited version of an article accepted for publication in (journal title) following peer review. The definitive publisher-authenticated version is available through the University of Texas Press."• Publisher's version/PDF cannot be used
Mandated OA:	(Awaiting information)
Copyright:	Policy
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Link to this page:	http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/issn/0009-7101/

Example 2: a 12 month embargo is required

An article in this journal is still eligible for all REF panels.

Journal:	Environmental Biology of Fishes (ISSN: 0378-1909, ESSN: 1573-5133)
RoMEO:	This is a RoMEO green journal
Paid OA:	A paid open access option is available for this journal.
Author's Pre-print:	✓ author can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
Author's Post-print:	✓ author can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
Publisher's Version/PDF:	✗ author cannot archive publisher's version/PDF
General Conditions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Author's pre-print on pre-print servers such as arXiv.org• Author's post-print on author's personal website immediately• Author's post-print on any open access repository after 12 months after publication• Publisher's version/PDF cannot be used• Published source must be acknowledged• Must link to publisher version• Set phrase to accompany link to published version (see policy)• Articles in some journals can be made Open Access on payment of additional charge
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Example 3: a 24 month embargo is required

An article in this journal is still eligible for inclusion in REF panels C and D.

Journal:	American Historical Review [1] (ISSN: 0002-8762, EISSN: 1937-5239)
RoMEO:	This is a RoMEO yellow journal
Author's Pre-print:	✓ author can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
Author's Post-print:	⚡ subject to Restrictions below , author can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
Restrictions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 years embargo
Publisher's Version/PDF:	✗ author cannot archive publisher's version/PDF
General Conditions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-print can only be posted prior to acceptance• Pre-print must be accompanied by set statement (see link)• Pre-print must not be replaced with post-print, instead a link to published version with amended set statement should be made• Pre-print on author's personal website, employer website, free public server or pre-prints in subject area• Post-print on institutional repositories or central repositories• Publisher's version/PDF cannot be used• Published source must be acknowledged• Must link to publisher version• Set phrase to accompany archived copy (see policy)• Eligible authors may deposit in OpenDepot
Mandated OA:	(Awaiting information)
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