HEFCE Open Access (OA) policy for REF

More detail and glossary available from our Libguides

Contact:
oa.lib@coventry.ac.uk
Ext: 657568

This journal will NOT be suitable for a REF submission.
You need to choose another publication.

NB If this is the only appropriate journal, you will need to discuss and seek approval from Pro Vice Chancellor for Research

Is your output a journal article or conference proceeding with ISSN?

Determine cost:
- Check journal website for fees
- Contact library to see if CU have an institutional discount available

Find funds for APC cost:
1. Check project budget for APC funds. If none,
2. Request fees from your department/URC/FRC. If none,
3. Request fees from PVC-R

Submit as normal to journal
Fee is usually payable on acceptance; for requests to pay earlier contact
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ON ACCEPTANCE (within 3 months of publisher notification)
Deposit the appropriate version onto Pure (https://pure.coventry.ac.uk)

Does the journal/publication have an Open Access option?

Yes

Maximum Embargo Periods for REF:
- 12 months for Panels A & B
- 24 months for Panels C & D

The version deposited is be normally the accepted manuscript (i.e. the paper submitted after peer-review and accepted for publication, but not the publisher’s final formatted version)

A list of panels can be found here

Send as normal to journal

Receive an email receipt with output URL, once library staff have checked copyright, publisher policies and any embargo period. The library will manage embargoes and access.

No further action is required

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No action required: Only journal/conference proceedings have to comply with the HEFCE Open Access policy for REF.

However it is good practice to deposit ALL outputs and HEIs can get additional REF credit for supporting staff to make other outputs OA.

Is this option Gold, Green or both?

Gold is FULLY compliant with HEFCE rules but you must pay an Article Processing Charge (APC) fee to publish

Green is FULLY compliant with HEFCE rules and is free to publish, but you may have an embargo period

Both

You need to choose!

Green is FULLY compliant with HEFCE rules and is free to publish, but you may have an embargo period