New Zealand Journal of History Style Guide

The editors of the New Zealand Journal of History invite submission of article-length manuscripts (not exceeding 8000 words including notes) accompanied by an abstract that summarises the argument and significance of the work (not exceeding 150 words).

Text

Spelling
The spelling should be consistent except in quotations. Follow the Concise Oxford Dictionary (http://www.oxforddictionaries.com), in particular for the use of ‘ise’ and ‘ize’ as in ‘despise’, but emphasize, organize, realize, etc. Use centred, not centered; benefited, not benefitted; focused, not focussed.
Use redefinition, rebind, etc., but re-elect, co-operate (where two vowels are the same).
Use ‘judgment’ for legal term; otherwise ‘judgement’.
‘Aotearoa New Zealand’, not ‘Aotearoa / New Zealand’
World War I/II (rather than ‘First World War’).

Capitals
Capitals should be used sparingly. Capitalize proper names and substantives only where they refer to specific individuals, offices or organizations: e.g. the Labour government / the Fourth Labour Government / Fourth Labour; the government / the governor / Governor Grey.
Use caps for specific titles, e.g. the Prime Minister / the Minister of Health, but lower-case for Cabinet minister. Capitalize both words in a compound title: Director-General.
Capitalize Act (referring to a previously named Act of Parliament); Māori meeting-houses: Te Kawa a Maui, Te Poho o Mataatua; Pākehā; Whig, Tory, etc.
Capitalize the first word and all the principal words (but not articles, prepositions and conjunctions) in titles of publications, and in chapter titles. When referring to magazines or newspapers (e.g. the Auckland Star, the Press) do not include the definite article in the title. The only exception made is The Times (of London).
Use lower-case for committee, court, council, minister, commission, parliamentary, indigenous, internet, world wide web (except in quoted material, which must follow the style of the original).

Italics
Italicize names of ships e.g. HMS Dreadnought (not H.M.S.) and MV Motonui (per OED style).
Italicize titles of published books, plays, films, pamphlets and periodicals.
Italicize foreign words in an English text. However, Roman words used in English (sic; inter alia) are not italicized.

Court cases are in italics Wi Parata v Bishop of Wellington (1877) and Regina v Symonds (1847).

N.B. Do not italicize Acts of parliament: e.g. 'The 1917 Registration of Aliens Act represents …'; 'In late 1918 the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Bill was passed into law.'

In footnotes where an acronym is used for a publication title do not italicize the acronym, e.g. New Zealand Parliamentary Debates (NZPD). Do not italicize Māori words. See below for details.

Māori language
The Journal encourages the use of the macron to mark the long vowel. The Journal's policy is to accept the orthography chosen by the author (except in quoted material, which must follow the style of the original).
When Māori and its English translation occur in the running text, English comes first, Māori follows in round brackets. However, for longer separated quotes the Māori original comes first, and the English translation follows.

**Note:** italics are not used. Do not pluralize Māori words with ‘s’. Thus: Māori.

**Possessives**
Form the possessive case of proper names by adding an apostrophe and ‘s’: Jones’s article, Stevens’s poem; except where euphony demands omission: Bridges’.

**Hyphens**
Compound words when used as adjectives (e.g. middle-class, working-class) are hyphenated. Compound words consisting of two nouns that are different but of equal importance (author-critic, composer-director, city-state) are hyphenated. Use a hyphen with mid: mid-1880s; mid-term.

Words commencing with prefixes (pre-, inter-): when the word is in common usage the hyphen vanishes. But many are still visibly compounds and the hyphen is then retained: pre-colonial, inter-continental; postcolonial, postmodern.

**Square brackets**
Square brackets are used to enclose an interpolation in a quotation, e.g. [sic].

**Quotations**
Quotations should be indicated by single quote marks. For quotations within a quotation, use double quote marks. Punctuation marks such as full stops or commas should be placed outside the end quote mark, unless they are an essential part of the quotation (e.g. ‘Long live the king!’). If a complete quoted sentence ends the quotation, the full stop should be left inside the quotation mark.

Quoted material up to 100 words should be run on, in single quotes, as part of the text. Longer quotations should be separated from the text and reduced to single space, but not indented.

**Omissions**
Use three dots to indicate omissions of material within a quoted sentence. If the omission comes from the concluding section of a sentence use four dots. If the omission comes after a complete sentence, add a character space between end-sentence fullstop and ellipsis: [end of sentence]. … [continuing text]

**Acronyms**
BNZ, BA, JPS (no punctuation stops and not italicized). Use sentence style if the acronym is pronounced as a word, e.g. Anzus, Aids, Anzac, but CIA, FOL, ACC).

**Spaces**
Use single space between sentences.
No space between the two initials of someone’s name (e.g. A.B. Jones).

**Dashes**
Use en-dash with a space before and after. (On the keyboard, use option/dash.)

**Numerals**
Spell all numbers from nought (zero) up to and including ten in full. Thereafter use numerals. All numbers, including dates, that begin a sentence must be spelled out.

Commas: Use 8000, 8007 (no comma with four numerals), but 16,000.

Weights, measures and percentages are written in numerals, e.g. 35kg, 1.290km, 2.3%. Convert all measurements into metrics.

Dates are written in numerals, e.g. 1880s, on 8 May 1920. Spell out: nineteenth century. If used adjectivally, ‘nineteenth-century kings’, hyphenate. Sequential dates in full: 1956–1986, not 1956–86. (Note: use en-dash, not hyphen.)

Ordinal numbers: spell out ordinal numbers (e.g. ‘Samoa’s fiftieth anniversary of political independence in 2012’).
Times: 10am (no dots).

Chapter numbers: use numerals when chapter numbers are used as titles in text – Chapter 3, not Chapter Three.

Money (Old)
Use numerals, e.g. £1. Use 1s; 1s.6d.; £1.6s.6d.. Spell out fourpence, sixpence.

Endnotes
Note: Do not use ‘ibid’ for refs to previous source; follow rules for ‘subsequent references’ below.

Page numbers
Print all page numbers up to and including 99 in full, e.g. 16–18, 94–99; for 100 and upwards use the least number of figures, e.g. 322–30, 522–3; but with some exceptions where confusion might arise: write 116–18, not 116–8; 210–11, not 210–1. Note: use en-dash, not hyphen (on the keyboard, use option/dash).

Published books
Give title and author’s name as they appear on the title page. Give the place of publication and the publisher:


Subsequent references where there are no other works by the same author mentioned:

3. Purcell, p.240.

Subsequent references where more than one work/volume by a particular author has been mentioned:

1. Purcell, Chinese, p.25.

2. Campbell, II, p.96. (where there is no risk of confusion)

Edited collections
Give the title of the chapter or part of the book cited:


Volumes
Volume number: Roman numeral following publication date:


Number of volumes: following title:


Articles in periodicals

Newspapers

First references:


Insert place of publication on first reference if there is a possible confusion as to which newspaper is being cited: *Daily Telegraph* (Napier), 4 June 1910.

**Note:** *The Times* (London) is the only newspaper which carries the word *The* in its title.

Later references:


Note: Where using online archives (e.g. Papers Past / Trove), please note use of source in first reference, but no need to give full details of archive in subsequent references.

Correspondence

15. Smith to Jones, 8 May 1830, Jones Papers, MS Papers 0213: 0006, Alexander Turnbull Library (ATL), Wellington. (The Turnbull Library has its own system where all files are now called 'MS Papers').

16. Smith to Brown, 8 October 1890, Maori Affairs (MA) 23/8, Archives New Zealand (ANZ), Wellington.

Insert the abbreviations for libraries on first reference.

Subsequent refs to the same letter don’t need full details of source: Smith to Jones, 8 May 1830.

Manuscripts


20. 11 January 1872, William Williams Diary 1871–1872, MS 54, Auckland Museum Library. (MS here indicates a single manuscript item.)

Appendices to Journals, Parliamentary Debates, Statutes

First references:


22. *New Zealand Parliamentary Debates* (NZPD), 1921, 190, p.401.


Later references:


Theses


Other abbreviations

18. ch.5; chs 6, 7.

19. Use: cit. for cited in, or by.

Online resources

Digital collections/databases: Please note use of sources in first reference, but no need to give full details in subsequent references.

Citing websites: Give author’s name and article title where possible; colon introducing web address (just www, not http://, and no closing full stop):

e.g. Ferris Jabr, ‘The Reading Brain in the Digital Age: the science of paper versus screens’: http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=reading-paper-screens

References for Te Ara / Dictionary of NZ Biography sources (online): Colon introducing web address (just www, not http://, and no closing full stop):


Dictionary of New Zealand Biography – print version


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Note approximate placement of figures in text in square brackets, to help typesetter: [insert Figure 1].
Captions

Centred below figures as follows:

**Figure 1**: ‘Title only’ (in quotes) or descriptive title, no quotes.

**Source**: Source info as would be given in footnotes list.

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