USING CROSSREF.ORG TO FIND OUT IF A JOURNAL ARTICLE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A DOI NUMBER

References


OR – from a recent APA 6th edition 2014 update permitting two different ways to create the DOI number entry.


Please note that according to the APA format style - 6th edition, p. 198, 7.01 – you must include the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) number if the journal article has been assigned a DOI number. If the article has not been assigned a DOI number, give the URL of the journal homepage. (This requires a Google search to find the URL of the homepage.) The easiest way to determine whether or not an article has been assigned a DOI number is to use CrossRef.org as outlined below: (Magazine and newspaper articles do not have a doi number; always use the URL of the homepage for magazines and newspapers.)
Using the new CrossRef.org homepage to locate DOI numbers.

www.crossref.org

1. Click on “search metadata” to get to the search crossref page

2. Type author, or author/title, or title into the search box and hit enter.

For instance – I have this citation information, and I want to know if there is a DOI number. I typed in the title of the article.

3. Results of search – as you can see – the article is the first result with the DOI below the authors’ names for a simple copy and paste into a References list citation entry.
https://doi.org/10.1080/10349120903306756

4. However, sometimes the result is not returned in such an easy, straightforward manner. There are limiters on the left hand side that will allow you to narrow down the results by type of article, year of publication, and name of publication. With one citation I just could not locate the DOI number using this new version of Crossref.org so I went to the homepage of the publisher of the journal. I searched the archives, located the article abstract, and the DOI number was on the citation information.

5. Good luck. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

There are three ways to try to find out if a journal article has been assigned a doi number.

1. Follow these instructions outlined above on how to use CrossRef.org. These instructions provide the most straight forward way.

2. Look on your PDF copy of the journal article to see if it is printed on the first page.

3. Do a Google search for the URL of the homepage of the journal in which the article appears. If you can, do a search for an abstract of the article from the journal’s homepage. If there is a doi number for the article, it might appear with the other article citation information.