# APA 6th vs 7th: Summary of main citing and referencing changes

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| In-text citations | - Three to five authors: all authors for first citation; first author and “et al.” for subsequent citations  
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- Guidelines for citing traditional knowledge and oral traditions of indigenous peoples  
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