

Abbreviations for USA States: Publishers' Locations for APA Referencing

When you write an APA-style reference list, you need to provide the publishing details (publisher's name and location) when writing reference entries for books, reports, brochures, and other separate, non periodical publications.

In the location details, you need to give the city and country for publishers outside of the United States, and city and state for United States publishers (see examples on next page). The names of USA states and territories are abbreviated in the reference list. Use the following official two-letter USA Postal Service abbreviations.

Abbreviations for States and Territories

<i>Location</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Alabama	AL	Missouri	MO
Alaska	AK	Montana	MT
American Samoa	AS	Nebraska	NE
Arizona	AZ	Nevada	NV
Arkansas	AR	New Hampshire	NH
California	CA	New Jersey	NJ
Canal Zone	CZ	New Mexico	NM
Colorado	CO	New York	NY
Connecticut	CT	North Carolina	NC
Delaware	DE	North Dakota	ND
District of Columbia	DC	Ohio	OH
Florida	FL	Oklahoma	OK
Georgia	GA	Oregon	OR
Guam	GU	Pennsylvania	PA
Hawaii	HI	Puerto Rico	PR
Idaho	ID	Rhode Island	RI
Illinois	IL	South Carolina	SC
Indiana	IN	South Dakota	SD
Iowa	IA	Tennessee	TN
Kansas	KS	Texas	TX
Kentucky	KY	Utah	UT
Louisiana	LA	Vermont	VT
Maine	ME	Virginia	VA
Maryland	MD	Virgin Islands	VI
Massachusetts	MA	Washington	WA
Michigan	MI	West Virginia	WV
Minnesota	MN	Wisconsin	WI
Mississippi	MS	Wyoming	WY

Examples:

1. For books published *outside* USA:

(City)	(Country in full)	(Publisher)
Mairangi Bay	New Zealand	Pearson Education

Walters, C., & Dana, L. (2007). *Marketing principles* (4th ed.). Mairangi Bay, New Zealand: Pearson Education.

2. For books published *in* USA:

(City)	(State, Abbreviated)	(Publisher)
Urbana	IL	University of Illinois Press

Bertrand, M. T. (2000). *Race, rock, and Elvis*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press.

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American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

See also *APA referencing: A guide for CPIT students* for more details on writing your reference list.