DOAS
DIAMOND Open Access Standard

Setting Quality Standards for Diamond OA

The Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) is both a technical guide and a practical means of benchmarking quality in scholarly publishing. By combining guidelines and a self-assessment tool, DOAS promotes quality in Diamond open access (OA) publishing.

DOAS sets essential and testable criteria to ensure equitable, transparent, and high-quality scholarly publishing. It advocates for a transparent publishing model governed by the academic community.

DOAS is based on the Extensible Quality Standard in Institutional Publishing (EQSIP) developed by the DIAMAS project. This was developed with 70 documents and has been discussed in two iterations, with the input of 300+ people from the Diamond publishing community from all over Europe. Scan the code to learn more.

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DOAS addresses the seven core components of scholarly publishing:

1. **Funding**,
2. **Legal ownership, mission and governance**,
3. **Open Science**,
4. **Editorial management, editorial quality and research integrity**,
5. **Technical service efficiency**,
6. **Visibility, communication, marketing and impact**,
7. **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB), multilingualism and gender equity**.

Detailed criteria and guidelines in each of these areas were developed through an analysis of existing standards and best practice, and then further refined through community feedback. By addressing each of the seven core components, it advocates for a publishing model accessible to all and controlled by the academic community.

How to use DOAS

- Review evidence-based standards in the seven core components of scholarly publishing

- Use the Self-Assessment tool to check your compliance with quality in Diamond OA

- Understand how to move your publishing operations to an equitable model – diamondise your journals!

- Diamond OA publishers can assess their adherence to DOAS through the self-assessment tool, identifying strengths and weaknesses privately
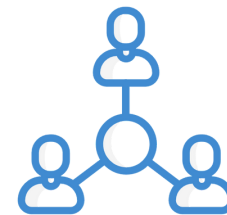
The standards are operationalised with a DOAS Self-Assessment tool that assists publishers in evaluating the compliance with evidence-based Diamond OA Standards. Through the Self-Assessment tool, DOAS equips institutions with resources to assess compliance and enhance publishing practices, facilitating progress towards Diamond OA-level publishing standards.

Scan the code to access the DOAS Self-Assessment tool

Who can benefit from DOAS

- DOAS can act as a quality seal for publications

- DOAS benefits Diamond OA publishers by ensuring quality and transparency in their publishing processes

Why DOAS

- To protect integrity and standards

- Evidence-based standards, developed with community consultation, ensure standards

- Supporting Diamond publishing and guaranteeing quality

- To maintain quality and transparency in governance, processes, and workflows in publishing activities