



Final preparations before submission of manuscript files

1. Do you publish abstracts at the beginning of each chapter?

No. We do require abstracts to be provided in a separate file to add to the metadata for the book but we do not publish them in the book itself.

2. Why do I need to include abstracts when you don't use them in the final book? Can't you just take the first 150 words of the chapter?

Abstracts form part of the essential metadata for the book and a strong abstract containing the essence of the chapter and any key words will be imperative if your book and chapter is to be found in search engines, googlescholar and online bookstores. The first 100 words of a chapter are often not strong enough to provide the basis for good metadata. Please contact your commissioning editor if you want to know more about the use of abstracts.

3. What reference style do you use?

The style used for citations should be consistent. We suggest Harvard but other referencing styles are acceptable if applied consistently. If a consistent style is not already applied, references will be edited for consistency within chapters once the editorial and production process is underway.

4. Is there a particular font you use?

No. But all text should be ranged left, unjustified and without hyphenation for word division at the ends of lines. Please maintain consistency throughout the manuscript files.

5. Can I send the introduction/final chapter/list of contributors/preface/acknowledgements later?

We cannot start work on your book until all material is present. Our books are tightly scheduled and so a delay to one book whilst material is added could cause delays to all the other books your editor is working on at the same time.

6. Can I make amendments at a later date – i.e. once government policy has been decided?

As long as corrections are minimal you will have an opportunity to make amendments during the production process. Please note that that this must only consist of minor amendments, any substantial changes must be made before you submit your manuscript and no substantial changes can be made after submission.

7. Are a list of figures, list of tables, list of boxes and list of contributors absolutely necessary?

Yes. You need to include lists of tables, figures and boxes if there are more than five and fewer than 20 of each. You need to include a list of contributors if it is applicable.

8. Do I need to submit the index with the manuscript? How much will it cost if I have to pay for it?

The index will be prepared at proof stage either by you or by a professional indexer. If you are contracted to prepare the index yourself we will send you further guidance at the appropriate time. We suggest you check your contract if you are unsure who is responsible for the index of your book.

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Submitting your manuscript files

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12. Which format should I submit it in? Can I send the manuscript in pdf or LaTeX files?

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Each chapter should be saved in a separate file using the 'Save as ...' option to save the most recent versions of each file. Save and label individual chapter files with the following file names: 00-prelims, 01-chapter 1, 02-chapter 2, etc. If there is more than one prelims file please number 00a-prelims, 00b-ToC, 00c-figures list, etc. so that the files appear in the correct order.

14. Will the manuscript be checked before being printed?

Yes. We do far more in production than just print your book. When you submit your manuscript files we will make a brief preliminary check through the text to ensure that it is complete, in good order and ready for editorial processing and production. In some cases, before we begin work on your manuscript, we will send it out for review (or to series editors if your book is in a series), to ensure that the quality and content is acceptable for publication.

Your book will also be copy-edited by a professional and you will need to be available to check these changes. We will also typeset the material and will arrange for it to be proof-read and checked again before it can be printed.

Post-submission

15. Can I suggest a cover design? Can I use my own designer for the cover? Can I see the design before it goes to print?

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16. We have not heard about ORCID numbers. Do we need to register all authors? Is it mandatory to submit an ORCID number?

ORCID is an open, non-profit, community-based effort to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research activities and outputs to these identifiers. ORCID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher and, through integration in key research workflows such as manuscript and grant submission, supports automated linkages between you and your professional activities ensuring that your work is recognized. If you or your co-author(s) do not yet have an ORCID number, or if you would like further information, then please visit <http://orcid.org>.

This is not a mandatory requirement but we highly recommend you consider registering.

17. Who will approach any potential endorsees?

Once you have submitted your manuscript files we will contact any endorsee suggestions you or the commissioning editor have for the project.

Editorial processing and production (copy editing, typesetting and proofing)

18. How long will my book take to produce?

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Please note that this time frame begins when the manuscript is sent to editorial processing and production and not from the date we first receive the manuscript in-house.

19. Can I make further changes to the manuscript when it's in production?

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20. Can a preface/foreword be added after the manuscript has been sent to production?

No. When you submit the manuscript files they should be the full and final version of your book. If text is added or changed substantially at a later stage it will delay the production of your book.

21. Will you be sending the proofs to the contributors directly?

Please refer to your contract. It is usually your responsibility as editor to liaise with contributors about the copy-editor's queries, collate contributors' corrections at proof stage, and return answers and proof corrections to your desk editor within the schedule.

22. Do you have an endnotes programme?

No. It is our house style to use endnotes rather than footnotes. If you or any of your contributors has used footnotes please change them in your Word files using the following guide:

- Open the document and select the References tab.
- Click the Footnote & Endnote Dialog Box launcher (it appears as a small square in the bottom-right corner of the tab). Then click Convert.
- Click OK or Apply.

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Post-publication

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