

# EMERGING SOURCES CITATION INDEX

## A NEW EDITION OF WEB OF SCIENCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THE EMERGING SOURCES CITATION INDEX?

This new edition is a collection of journals that deepens coverage of content in Web of Science™ (WoS). The journals selected have been identified as important to key opinion leaders, funders, and evaluators worldwide.

The Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) ensures that WoS covers scientific trends and developments beyond the high-impact literature. We want users of WoS to see the largest collection of peer-reviewed scholarly literature.

### HOW IS THE CONTENT SELECTED?

For the 2015 launch, Thomson Reuters asked its worldwide editorial staff (in addition to its team in North America) to provide insight into local and regional content needs and to recommend journals accordingly. We also welcomed journal recommendations directly from our publishing partners.

The selection process for ESCI is now included in our essay on [journal selection process](#). The minimum criteria for ESCI journals are as follows:

- Evidence of peer-reviewed journals
- Journals that conform to ethical publishing practices
- Content of high interest to a scholarly community (researchers, funding bodies, research administrators, etc.)
- Content that meets Thomson Reuters' technical requirements (PDF delivery is required; delivering both PDF and XML is strongly preferred)

The journal selection process will also show that the criteria for indexing in Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index have not changed.

### HOW DOES THE EMERGING SOURCES CITATION INDEX BENEFIT PUBLISHERS?

The new edition provides publishers an additional level of inclusion in WoS and increased transparency regarding Thomson Reuters' selection criteria.

A journal in ESCI is searchable, discoverable, and citable; publishers get real-time insight into a journal's citation performance while the content continues to be considered for inclusion in other the Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index.



## DOES HAVING A JOURNAL INCLUDED IN THE EMERGING SOURCES CITATION INDEX INCREASE ITS LIKELIHOOD OF BEING ADDED TO OTHER WOS COLLECTIONS?

Evaluation for the ESCI is a first-level review; journals that meet the criteria above remain in consideration for products such as the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI), which have rigorous evaluation processes and selection criteria. While in ESCI and under consideration for other collections, the journals are discoverable and citable; this can potentially increase its interest to the scholarly community.

## HOW IS THE JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR CALCULATED FOR JOURNALS IN THE NEW EDITION?

Unlike content in the SCIE or SSCI, journals in the Emerging Sources Citation Index do not receive a Journal Impact Factor.

## WHAT ABOUT BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, AND PROCEEDINGS? IS THOMSON REUTERS CREATING AN “EMERGING SOURCES” FILE OF THOSE AS WELL?

The Emerging Sources Citation Index is only journals at this time. The Publisher Relations team will contact you if a similar program for other assets is established.

## ONE OF MY JOURNALS HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE NEW EDITION. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you have an established system of sharing content with Thomson Reuters (FTP site, website login, etc.) you can deliver the files for the Emerging Sources Citation Index in the same way. If you are a new publishing partner, we'll contact you regarding delivery of content.

## WHOM CAN I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTION?

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