

The reference list entry for the DSM-5 should look like this:

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). Arlington, VA: Author.

Individual chapters and other parts of DSM-5 have been assigned DOIs. If you used the online edition of the DSM, give the DOI number in place of the publisher name as in the following example:

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Cautionary statement for forensic use of DSM-5. In *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). doi:10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596.744053

Here's how it would look when cited in your narrative:

The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (5th ed.; DSM-5; American Psychiatric Association, 2013) is the most widely accepted nomenclature used by clinicians and researchers for the classification of mental disorders.

Once introduced in the first citation, the acronym DSM-5 can be used instead of the title and edition:

The DSM-5's classification involves a shift from the traditional categorical approach to a dimensional approach. The changes involving the removal of the legal problems criterion and the addition of a craving criterion were retained in the final revision of the diagnostic criteria (American Psychiatric Association, 2013).

If you decide to use an acronym for the APA, introduce it at first reference by placing it in brackets inside parentheses after spelling out the name. Thereafter, use "APA" in citations.

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UPDATE: The post has been revised to reflect the fact that there is no DOI for the entire DSM-5 electronic version; each chapter has its own DOI. (9/4/2013). [How to cite other versions of the DSM.](#)

Source

Hume-Pratuch, J. (2013, August 08). How to cite the DSM-5 in APA style [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/2013/08/how-to-cite-the-dsm5-in-apa-style.html>