



Australian Business Deans Council 2019 Journal Quality List Review Final Report

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About the Australian Business Deans Council

The Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) is the peak body of Australian university business schools.

Our 38 members graduate one-third of all Australian university students and more than half of the nation's international tertiary students.

ABDC's mission is to make Australian business schools better, and to foster the national and global impact of Australian business education and research.

ABDC does this by:

- Being the collective and collegial voice of university business schools
- Providing opportunities for members to share knowledge and best practice
- Creating and maintaining strong, collaborative relationships with affiliated national and international peak industry, higher education, professional and government bodies
- Engaging in strategic initiatives and activities that further ABDC's mission.

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Background and Context

Rigorous peer review lies at the heart of scholarly progress. In all Business disciplines, journals are the central medium through which research is tried and tested by peers. There is a well-established link between the inherent quality of research produced by scholars and the outlets in which their research is published. In nearly all cases, the best quality research appears in journals that are recognised as the best quality outlets. While the quality of journals is evidenced by metrics such as citation rates and impact factors, peer judgements also play an important role in determining the esteem of an individual journal.

In 2007, the ABDC determined that it would establish a Journal Quality List for the use of its members. While the ABDC accepted that it was impossible to establish a journal list that would achieve agreement among all interested stakeholders, it nevertheless recognised the importance of establishing a Journal List that would help guide researchers to select quality outlets as targets for their research. The inaugural version of the ABDC Journal Quality List was released in 2008 and updated in 2010. The aggregated 2010 ABDC List comprised 2,671 different journal titles, with A*: 5.5%; A: 19.5%; B: 27.6%; and C: 47.4% of journals. The 2013 ABDC Journal Quality List comprised 2,767 different journal titles, with A*: 6.9%; A: 20.8%; B: 28.4%; and C: 43.9%.

In 2016, the ABDC authorised an *interim* review of the Journal Quality List. It had a narrow focus around several carefully defined scenarios that encompassed the inclusion of new business-relevant journals; removal of very low quality journals; switching of Fields of Research (FoRs); assignment of journals; and correction of factual errors in the ABDC database. After the review, the interim List endorsed 2,777 journal titles, with A*: 6.9%; A: 21.13%; B: 28.98%; and C: 42.81%.

The 2019 Journal Quality List builds on this process. Like previous exercises, it is the result of a comprehensive Panel-led review in accordance with detailed Terms of Reference approved by the ABDC (see Appendix 2). **The 2019 List endorses 2,682 journal entries, with A*: 7.41% (199); A: 24.27% (651); B: 31.69% (850); and C: 36.61% (982).** The 2019 List includes 144 upgrades; 17 downgrades; the addition of 157 new journals; and the removal of 241 journals. The removal of journals, which appeared on the 2016 List, is the result of a careful focus to ensure that the revised JQL reflects currency and captures genuine quality outlets that meet the substantive business

element test, and fall within the relevant Field of Research codes. In 2019, for the first time in the history of the ABDC Journal Quality List, the proportion of journals removed from the List is greater than those added.

FoR	Description	Total Journals	A* %	A %	B %	C %
0104	Statistics	84	8.33	36.90	29.76	25.0
0806	Information Systems	186	7.52	22.58	27.41	42.47
1401	Economic Theory	32	15.62	25.0	31.25	28.12
1402	Applied Economics	511	7.24	18.39	33.07	41.29
1403	Econometrics	32	21.87	21.87	21.87	34.75
1499	Other Economics	100	0	5.0	26.0	69.0
1501	Accounting	157	8.28	19.10	29.93	42.67
1502	Finance including Actuarial Studies	171	7.60	22.22	33.33	36.84
1503	Business & Management	656	8.38	31.55	30.79	29.26
1504	Commercial Services	95	3.15	18.94	36.84	41.05
1505	Marketing	154	7.14	24.67	38.96	29.22
1506	Tourism	69	5.79	23.18	36.23	34.78
1507	Transportation & Freight Services	62	8.06	19.35	38.70	33.87
1599	Other	75	9.33	29.33	34.66	26.66
180105	Commercial & Contract Law	211	7.10	35.54	33.64	23.69
180125	Taxation Law	87	3.44	9.19	17.24	70.11
All	All	2,682	7.41	24.27	31.69	36.61

A feature of journal ranking lists is often a certain stickiness. It is undoubtedly easier to upgrade journals than to downgrade them. Even the Financial Times List of top management journals, which is quite selective about which outlets to include, has progressively expanded in length over the years. The ABDC has sought to be vigilant on this, particularly when it comes to the A* category; some journals have gone up and others down, but the proportion of A*s on the List has roughly remained the same. However, in considering the issue of ranking inflation, it is also worth reflecting on the nature of specific journals. For instance, a journal that carries 10 or more issues a year with 10 articles per issue may be more inflationary than one that only appears four times a year. In other words, it is worth considering the relative thickness and frequency of individual journals as well as simply the overall number of A and A* journals.

To place the scope of the 2019 Journal Quality List into a broader perspective, the Australian Research Council's Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018 Journal List¹ – which is not a ranking list but does include journals eligible for submission in the 2018 ERA – has 3,365 journals across the Field of Research codes covered by the 2019 JQL. This compares to 2,682 listed journals in the 2019 JQL.

However, to paraphrase the Chartered Association of Business Schools Academic Journal Guide², non-inclusion in the ABDC's 2019 JQL should not necessarily be taken as a judgement of journal quality, but may reflect a wide range of factors. Inter alia, this may be a simple factor of not meeting the methodological criteria for inclusion (see below).

As stated in the 2016 Interim Review Report, journal lists should be a starting point only for assessing publication quality and should not constrain researchers to a particular domain. **In the end, there is no substitute for assessing individual articles on a case-by-case basis.**

Footnotes

¹The key criteria for inclusion on the ERA 2018 List was that journals had to be 'academic/scholarly; publish original peer reviewed research; and have one or more ISSN'. For details, see <https://www.arc.gov.au/excellence-research-australia/era-2018-journal-list>

² The 2018 AJG is available at: <https://charteredabs.org/academic-journal-guide-2018/>

Method and Approach

In early 2018, the ABDC appointed Emeritus Professor Kim Langfield-Smith and Professor Geoffrey Wood to review the methodology for a future ABDC Journal Quality List. The Review Panel provided a report to the ABDC in which they outlined six specific recommendations.

After taking into account expert review and feedback from its Business Academic Research Directors' Network (BARDSNet), **the ABDC endorsed the following methodology for the 2019 Journal Ranking exercise:**

1. Journal quality ratings should be validated by Expert Panels. The Panels should be informed by globally recognised and externally validated journal ranking lists³, appropriate and select citation metrics (e.g. SCImago) and, if required, expert peer review
2. The following criteria must be met by each journal in the ABDC Journal Quality List. A journal must:
 - Have reached the necessary quality threshold level, as determined by the Expert Panel using globally accepted, externally validated journal ranking lists, journal citation metrics and expert peer review
 - Adhere to general scholarly principles, including scholarly peer review
 - Be relevant to the discipline areas of the ABDC, which include Management, Accounting, Economics, Information Systems, Business and Taxation Law and other agreed Fields of Research (FoRs)
 - Not appear to be a predatory journal
3. An indicator for journals of regional significance should not be incorporated against relevant journals in the ABDC Journal List
4. A new quality category (e.g. A**) should not be added to the ABDC Journal List to recognise world elite journals deemed to be the best in the world
5. Members of the Expert Panels, including the Panel Chair, should be selected through a formal call for Expressions of Interest (EoI). The processes will be similar to those used by the Australian Research Council for Panel selection.
 - The ABDC will provide appropriate levels of administrative support so Panel members should not expect to make significant time commitments to the Journal Quality List Review. Administration will include a Research Assistant to support gathering data on each journal
 - There should be between five and eight Expert Panels as the Panels do not need to mirror the FoRs
 - The size of each Panel should reflect the number and size of the disciplines represented on it
 - Where possible, Panels should be representative and reflect expertise in terms of gender, institutional affiliation and geographic location

Footnote

³Including UK ABS Journal Quality Guide, UT Dallas Top 100 List, and Financial Times.

6. More explicit and rigorous processes for the ranking of journals should be developed and reported.

Under this methodology, the ABDC tasked BARDSNet, through its Chair, to develop Terms of Reference. These were subsequently adopted by the ABDC Executive in February 2019 (see Appendix 2).

In accordance with the methodology, the following Panels were constituted after a formal Expression of Interest process:

Accounting (covering journals across 1501)

Professor Gary Monroe (Chair) – University of New South Wales

Professor Neil Fargher – Australian National University

Professor Alan Lowe – RMIT

Professor Anne Wyatt – University of Queensland

Business and Taxation Law (covering journal across 180105 and 180125)

Professor Julie-Anne Tarr (Chair) – Queensland University of Technology

Professor Lisa Marriot – Victoria University of Wellington

Professor Brett Freudenberg – Griffith University

Professor Jenny Buchan – University of New South Wales

Economics (covering journals across 0104 and 1401-1499)

Professor James Morley (Chair) – University of Sydney

Professor Philip Grossman – Monash University

Associate Professor Rasheda Khanam – University of Southern Queensland

Professor Pascalis Raimondos – Queensland University of Technology

Professor Sandy Suardi – University of Wollongong

Finance including Actuarial Studies (covering journals across 1502)

Professor Stephen Taylor (Chair) – University of Technology Sydney

Professor Millicent Chang – University of Wollongong

Professor Hazel Bateman – University of New South Wales

Professor Jerry Parwada – University of New South Wales

Information Systems (covering journals across 0806)

Professor Deborah Bunker (Chair) – University of Sydney

Professor Alexander Richter – Victoria University of Wellington

Associate Professor Sabine Matook – University of Queensland

Associate Professor John Venable – Curtin University

Management, Commercial Services and Transport and Logistics (covering journals across 1503, 1504, 1507)

Professor Ingrid Nielsen (Chair) – Monash University
Professor Neal Ashkanasy – University of Queensland
Professor Shayne Gary – University of New South Wales
Professor Jane Lu – University of Melbourne
Professor Tava Olsen – University of Auckland
Professor Adrian Wilkinson – Griffith University
Professor Christopher Wright – University of Sydney

Marketing and Tourism (covering journals across 1505-1506)

Professor Sara Dolnicar (Chair) – University of Queensland
Professor Geoff Soutar – University of Western Australia
Dr Jungkeun Kim – Auckland University of Technology
Professor Marianna Sigala – University of South Australia

Other (covering journals across 1599)

Professor Ingrid Nielsen (Chair) – Monash University
Professor Jarrod Haar – Auckland University of Technology
Professor Gavin Jack – Monash University

In parallel with the organisation of Panels, the ABDC opened the online public submission process from 1 to 31 May 2019. This provided the option for submissions to add a new journal, remove a journal, upgrade a journal, downgrade a journal, and change the FoR of a journal. In addition to responding to these submissions, the Panels themselves retained the option of initiating decisions about individual journals.

The Panels had three months – from 3 June to 30 August – to deliberate over their recommendations. These recommendations were provided to the ABDC Office in early September. On 23 September, the ABDC released a draft of the Journal Ranking List and invited feedback by 18 October. Following the closure of the feedback process, Panel Chairs were provided with eligible feedback regarding their particular FoRs. In accordance with the Terms of Reference (ToRs), Chairs consulted with fellow Panel members only where they judged it necessary. After considering feedback, Panel Chairs confirmed their recommendations on behalf of each Panel in early November 2019.

Outcomes

A detailed summary by each Panel's response to *eligible* submissions⁴ (which closed on 31 May) can be found in Appendix 1.⁵ These responses include recommended journal upgrades, downgrades, removal of journals, selected changes to FoR classification for individual outlets, and referrals of several submissions to other Panels. Most recommendations were in response to eligible submissions, but in a number of cases they were initiated by the Panels themselves.

In response to referrals from other Panels and *eligible* feedback on the draft List (which closed on 18 October), the following amendments were recommended by Panel Chairs:

Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics – upgrade from B to A in 1505

Bayesian Analysis – upgrade from B to A in 0104

British Food Journal – include as B in 1505

Canadian Journal of Statistics – upgrade from B to A in 0104

Communication Research and Practice – include as C in 1505

China Accounting and Finance Review – upgrade from B to A in 1501⁶

Electronic Journal of Probability – include in 0104 as A

Global Finance Journal – upgrade from B to A

Indian Journal of Marketing – include as C in 1505

International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing – include as C in 1505

Journal of Management Accounting Research – upgrade from A to A* in 1501

Journal of Marketing Analytics – include as C in 1505

Journal of Statistical Software – upgrade from C to A in 0104⁷

Journal of Theoretical Probability – upgrade from C to A in 0104⁸

Stochastics – upgrade from C to B in 0104

Tobacco Control – include as B in 1505

Transnational Corporations Review – include as C in 1402

Footnotes

⁴To meet eligibility requirements, submissions must have emanated from Australia or New Zealand. The primary submitter must have been a representative of one of three relevant stakeholder groups: (a) A Business School/Faculty located in ANZ, or a non-business school or faculty located in ANZ deemed to have a legitimate interest in the disciplines covered by the ABDC Journal Quality List; (b) A relevant Peak Body representing ANZ academics (where such a body is located in ANZ); or (c) An individual academic or groups of like-minded academics with formal affiliation(s) to a university/universities based in ANZ (each signatory must have a relevant minimum of 0.4 FTE position).

⁵Note that all eligible submissions to the 2019 JQL process will be posted on the ABDC website in 2020.

⁶Noting that the recommended ranking moves up to *two places since 2016*, the Panel Chair (ACCT) provided the following justification: 'When we read the papers, we thought they were similar to other A ranked papers in terms of quality. We subsequently found out that this is probably the best accounting journal out of China. The feedback from a couple of reputable academics confirmed our opinion that this should be an A ranked journal. It probably should have been at least B if not A in the previous 2016 List'.

⁷Noting the recommended ranking moves up two places rather than one, the Panel Chair (ECON) provided the following justification: 'The *Journal of Statistical Software* is a good field journal in applied statistics with significant contributions from researchers in business schools. It has a strong editorial board and impact metrics. Its focus on contributions to software for applied statistics makes it difficult to compare to very many other journals. But the rigorousness of its editorial process places it as an A journal'.

⁸Noting the recommended ranking moves up two places rather than one, the Panel Chair (ECON) provided the following justification: 'The *Journal of Theoretical Probability* is a good field journal in applied statistics, with a similar international regard and impact measures as *Advances in Applied Probability* (rated A). It has a good editorial board and rigorous editorial process that places it as an A journal'.

The following journal was removed from the List due to an earlier inaccurate interpretation of the 0806 Panel decision, which was not to include this outlet following a referral from the 1503 Panel:

Telecommunications Policy

The following journal was withdrawn from the List at the request of the journal editor (and with agreement of the 1503 Panel Chair):

Vikalpa

Following further analysis, the following journals were removed (endorsed by the relevant Panel Chairs) because they did not meet the required quality threshold:

Accounting and Finance Research

Asian Economic and Financial Review

Asian Journal of Empirical Research

Asian Journal of Finance and Accounting

Asian Social Science

Asian-African Journal of Economics and Econometrics

Cuadernos de Economía – Spanish Journal of Economics and Finance

Global Business and Finance Review

Indian Journal of Economics and Business

International Journal of Accounting and Financial Reporting

International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics

International Journal of Economic Research

International Journal of Statistics and Economics

Review of Applied Economics

Review of Economics & Finance

The following entries were removed from the List (endorsed by relevant Panel Chairs) because they are no longer published as journals or cannot be confirmed as current publications:

Accounting, Commerce and Finance: The Islamic Perspective Journal

Advances in Financial Education

Advances in Futures and Options Research

Advances in Quantitative Analysis of Finance and Accounting

Applied Financial Economic Letters

Asia Pacific Economic Papers

Asia Pacific Population Journal

Bank of Valletta Review

Brookings Wharton Papers on Financial Services

Casualty Actuarial Society Forum

Economic and Financial Review

Emergo

Employment Relations Record
Finance Letters
Financial Decisions
Greek Economic Review
International Journal of Asian Management
International Journal of Productivity and Quality Management
International Studies in Economics and Econometrics
Investment Policy
IZA Journals
Journal of Construction Research
Journal of Corporate Treasury Management
Journal of Finance and Financial Services
Journal of Finance and Management in Public Services
Transport Engineering in Australia

The ABDC Steering Group⁹ met on 21 November to review the final recommendations of the Panels. Mandated under the 2019 JQL Terms of Reference (ToRs), the purpose of the Steering Group was to provide a level of oversight not present in previous reviews. In accordance with the ToRs, **the Steering Group took responsibility for the final JQL recommendations submitted to the ABDC Executive.**

The operational task of the Steering Group was to identify any anomalies in the Panel recommendations with a view to recommending a Final List for submission to the ABDC Executive. It is important to underscore that the Steering Group review was the penultimate step in the 2019 JQL process before the final step of the ABDC Executive endorsing the 2019 JQL. In the very few cases where there were apparent anomalies, or where something appeared to have been overlooked by a Panel, the Steering Group outlined its queries via email with the relevant Panel Chairs. In the vast majority of instances, the Steering Group agreed with the Panel Chairs' justifications for their recommendations. After this consultation with Panel Chairs, the Steering Group made the following specific amendments to the Journal Quality List:

Journal of Sport Management and Sport Management Review were both re-ranked to A in light of metrics and relative standing in the field.

Biometrics was removed from the List because it did not meet the substantive business element test.

Biostatistics was re-ranked from A* to A in light of metrics and relative standing in the field.

Annals of Applied Statistics was re-ranked from A* to A in light of metrics and relative standing in the field.

Footnote

⁹Professor David Grant (President of ABDC and Chair); Professor Chris Styles (Vice President ABDC); Professor Kim Langfield-Smith; Professor Geoff Wood (ABDC JQL International Advisor); Professor Renee Fry-McKibbin, and Professor Andrew O'Neil (BARDSNet Chair).

Annals of Applied Probability was re-ranked from A* to A in light of metrics and relative standing in the field.

On 4 December 2019, the ABDC Executive endorsed the 2019 Journal Quality List for release on 6 December 2019.

Beyond the 2019 Review

After each successive ABDC Journal Quality List Review, attention inevitably turns to the next review. The ABDC Journal Ranking List has been in existence for just over a decade, so it is opportune to reassess its process in terms of the frequency of review, methodology, and scope. Therefore, the BARDsNet Chair, who will lead the process review in the second half of 2020, will invite feedback from key stakeholder groups, including those directly involved in the 2019 Review – for example Panel and Steering Group members – as well as ABDC members, the academy, and publishers.

Appendix 1

Individual Panel Reports

Information Systems

The Panel at all times followed the direction and ToRS as published by the ABDC. The Panel Chair ensured that the Australasian community was made aware of the journal review process (well ahead of the submission deadline) through email lists and professional associations so as to maximise IS (0806) academic community input to the List review. The Panel met three times for two hours via Skype (14 May, 30 August and 7 November 2019) and once face-to-face (all day on 24 July 2019) in Brisbane at the University of Queensland campus. When evaluating a journal's ranking on the List, the Panel referred to internationally recognised and externally validated journal ranking lists (including the ACPHIS List), appropriate and select citations metrics such as SCImago as well as discipline quality and relevance indicators such as editorial boards and publication disciplinary focus. The Panel also acted to ensure that an Australasian perspective was adequately and accurately represented. In instances where there was a Panel member conflict of interest, independent expert peer review was undertaken external to the Panel.

0806 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS					
Title	Publisher	ISSN	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
AIS Transactions on Human-Computer Interaction	Association for Information Systems	1944-3900	N/A	Adequate grounds on quality and citation indicators and business focus to include at level A. Excellent for a relatively new journal	Add as A
Applied Mathematical Modelling	Elsevier	0307-904X	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Asia Pacific Journal of Information Systems	Korea Society of Management Information Systems	2288-5404	N/A	Include, but insufficient evidence to rate higher than C	Add as C
Aslib Journal of Information Management	Emerald Group Publishing	2050-3806	N/A	Add as B based on quality indicators	Add as B
Big Data and Cognitive Computing	MDPI	2504-2289	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Clinical Infectious Diseases	Oxford University Press	1058-4838	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Computers & Education	Elsevier	0360-1315	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Possibly consider rating as a general Business Education journal	Do not add
Computers & Industrial Engineering	Elsevier	0360-8352	N/A	Low information systems content. Consider for 1503 supply chain & production management	Refer to 1503
Computers and Electronics in Agriculture	Elsevier	0168-1699	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Data Technologies and Applications	Emerald Group Publishing	2514-9288	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Education and Information Technologies	Springer	1360-2357	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Possibly consider rating as a general Business Education journal	Do not add
Fuzzy Optimization and Decision Making	Springer Science+Business Media	1568-4539	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Health Systems	Taylor & Francis Online	2047-6965	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Hospital Topics	Taylor & Francis Online		N/A	Less than 50% information systems content. Low business content. Editors are all in health	Do not add
IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics	IEEE		N/A	Less than 50% information systems content	Do not add
IEEE Transactions on Information Theory	IEEE	0018-9448	N/A	Less than 50% business or information systems content	Do not add
Industrial Management & Data Systems	Emerald Group Publishing	0263-5577	N/A	Yes Include due to applicable coverage, and rate as A due to quality indicators	Add as A
Information Discovery and Delivery	Emerald Group Publishing	2398-6247	N/A	Related to education and library science	Add as C
Information Polity	IOS Press	1570-1255	N/A	New journal and quality indicators not sufficiently developed to rank higher than C	Add as C
Information Research	University of Borås	1368-1613	N/A	Yes to include, but rate as C due to lack of quality indicators	Add as C

International Journal of Business Intelligence and Data Mining (IJBIDM)	Inderscience Enterprises Limited		N/A	Less than 50% business content. A computer science journal	Do not add
International Journal of Business Intelligence and Systems Engineering	Inderscience Enterprises Limited		N/A	Regional focus not relevant internationally or to our region	Do not add
International Journal of Data Science	Inderscience Enterprises Limited	2053-0811	N/A	Less than 50% business content. A computer science journal	Do not add
International Journal of Data Science and Analytics	Springer		N/A	Referred from 1503. Computer science journal. Less than 50% business content	Do not add
International Journal of Information Technology and Web Engineering	IGI Global	1554-1045	C	Not new. Continue to rate as C due to lack of quality indicators	Stays as C
International Journal of Learning Technology	Inderscience Enterprises Limited	1477-8386	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Could include as general business education relevant	Do not add
International Journal of Web Based Communities	Inderscience Enterprises Limited	1477-8394	B	Not new. Continue to rate as B	Stays as B
International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning	Athabasca University	1492-3831	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Could include as general business education relevant	Do not add
JAMA Internal Medicine	American Medical Association	2168-6106	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
JMIR mHealth and uHealth	JMIR PUBLICATIONS, INC	2291-5222	N/A	Less than 50% business content	Do not add
Journal of Biomedical Informatics	Elsevier	1532-0464	N/A	Less than 50% business content. A computer science journal	Do not add
Journal of Business Analytics	Taylor & Francis Online	2573-234X	N/A	Yes include, but at level C. Brand new, excellent EIC and editorial board, no track record	Add as C
Journal of Cases on Information Technology	IGI Global	1548-7717	N/A	Yes to include, but at level C. Insufficient grounds regarding quality and business indicators to rank higher	Add as C
Journal of Documentation	Emerald Group Publishing	0022-0418	N/A	A library science journal. Quality indicators assessed at a level B	Add as B
Journal of Industrial Information Integration	Elsevier	2452-414X	N/A	Yes to include, but at level C Insufficient grounds to rank higher	Add as C
Journal of Information Systems Education	Association of Information Technology Professionals	1055-3096	B	Yes Continue to include and continue to rank at level B	Continue as B
Journal of Librarianship and Information Science	Sage Publications	0961-0006	N/A	A library science journal. Quality indicators assessed at a level B	Add as B
Journal of Medical Internet Research	JMIR publications	1438-8871	N/A	Less than 50% business content. A health journal	Do not add

Library Management	Emerald Group Publishing	0143-5124	N/A	A library science journal. Quality indicators assessed at a level C	Add as C
Online Journal of Applied Knowledge Management	The International Institute for Applied Knowledge	2325-4688	N/A	Regional focus not relevant internationally or to our region	Do not add
Pattern Recognition Letters	Elsevier	0167-8655	N/A	Regional focus not relevant internationally or to our region	Do not add
Records Management Journal	Emerald Group Publishing	0956-5698	N/A	A library science journal. Quality indicators assessed at a level C	Add as C
Robotics and Computer-Integrated Manufacturing	Elsevier	0736-5845	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Consider under 1503 as requested	Do not add
Telecommunication Systems	Springer	1018-4864	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Technical telecom content	Do not add
Telecommunications Policy	Elsevier	0308-5961	N/A	Not an IS journal	Do not add
The Internet and Higher Education	Elsevier	1096-7516	N/A	Less than 50% business content. Could include as general business education if relevant	Do not add

0806 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS					
Title	Publisher	ISSN	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision
Applied Soft Computing	Elsevier	1568-4946	C	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality and business/IS indicators to upgrade. Strongly debatable whether journal is business (<10% business topics or authors)	Do not change
Computers in Human Behavior	Elsevier	0747-5632	B	Yes adequate grounds on quality indicators to raise from B to A	Change to A
Electronic Markets	Springer Nature	1019-6781	A	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change
Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication	Emerald Group Publishing	2514-9342	B	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality and business indicators to upgrade	Do not change
Information and Computer Security	Emerald Group Publishing	2056-4961	C	Yes Adequate grounds to upgrade to C from B. Offers a security perspective on business problems	Change to B
Information Systems Management	Taylor & Francis Online	1058-0530	B	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change

International Journal of Business Intelligence Research	IGI Global	1947-3591	C	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change
Journal of Database Management	IGI Global	1063-8016	B	Yes. Adequate grounds on quality to raise from B to A. Impact factor low, but specialised journal	Change to A
International Journal of Information Management	Elsevier	0268-4012	A	CoI declared by three out of four Panel members. Referred to external reviewers and BARDSNet Chair for recommendation	Journal re-ranked to A* independent from Panel following external reviews.
Journal of Decision Systems	Taylor & Francis Online	1246-0125	B	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change
Journal of Enterprise Information Management	Emerald Group Publishing	1741-0398	B	Yes. Adequate grounds on quality and citation indicators to raise from B to A. Good for a relatively new journal	Change to A
Journal of Global Information Management	IGI Global	1062-7375	A	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change
Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology	Emerald Group Publishing	1757-9880	B	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality and business indicators to upgrade from an IS perspective	Do not change
Journal of Information Systems	American Accounting Association	0888-7985	A	Yes. Move to 1501. Based on the espoused focus of the journal, we concur with the request to move to 1501. It is currently ranked A and we suggest that the accounting Panel confirm its ranking	Move to 1501
Journal of Knowledge Management	Emerald Group Publishing	1367-3270	A	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality and business indicators to upgrade from an IS perspective	Do not change
Journal of Systems and Information Technology	Emerald Group Publishing	1328-7265	C	Yes. Adequate grounds to upgrade to C from B based on quality indicators. The journal has strong Australian representation	Change to B
New Technology, Work & Employment	Wiley Blackwell Publishing	0268-1072	A	Yes. Move. Based on the espoused focus of the journal, we concur with the request to move to 1503. It is currently ranked A and we suggest that the management (1503) Panel confirm its ranking	Move to 1503
Online Information Review	Emerald Group Publishing	1468-4527	B	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change
Pacific Asia Journal of the Association for Information Systems	Association for Information Systems	1943-7544	B	No. Insufficient grounds regarding quality indicators to upgrade	Do not change

Economics

In terms of the deliberation process, the Panel had three meetings from 3 - 5pm on 24 June (by Zoom), from 10am - 4pm on 19 July (face-to-face at the University of Sydney), and from 3 - 4pm on 16 August 2019 (by Zoom). Everyone on the Panel attended all meetings. After the first meeting, each submission was reviewed by two Panel members based on their field expertise (and ensuring no conflict of interest given any declared editorial roles or recent publications). Given the two reviewers' written comments, the Panel then discussed every submission case and came to a consensus decision for its recommendation based on the discussions during the July face-to-face meeting. There was a small list of journals for further consideration that the Panel discussed via email circulation and during the final August meeting. The proposed List of recommendations was then endorsed in this final meeting, although the Panel Chair allowed for a few days afterwards for Panel members to add any details for short descriptions to explain the recommendations. There was an allowance for differences of opinion and the Panel Chair would have reverted to a vote if necessary. However, in practice, the Panel was able to reach a consensus on every single recommendation. Discussions centred around the submission materials, metrics (e.g. SJR), an examination of the journal website information on editorial process, and published articles.

As some feedback on the ABDC List for future consideration, Panel members noted that it may be useful to have a new category of 'multidisciplinary journals of significance for Business/Economics' that could assign ratings to, but not necessarily be comprehensive of all, multidisciplinary journals. We also note that we received very few submissions on the 0104 List, although that List should probably be revisited more comprehensively in a future review as it has a number of multidisciplinary journals of some significance and, at least looking at metrics like SJR, there are some potential anomalies in terms of ratings. We also thought it might be good to give submitters a bit more guidance on what makes a 'good/effective submission'. This could include information about rejection rates for journals (if available); more comparisons to journals that are of a proposed ranking and for which the submitted journal compares favourably; and perhaps some request for proposals on 'swaps' (i.e. demotion of journals to 'make room') to prevent such a high bias towards submissions simply requesting to increase ratings.

1401-1499 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Requested Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
African Review of Economics and Finance	Wits University Press	2042-1478	2410-4906	B	The mixed quality of the articles in this new journal suggest it should be rated, but at C until it can establish whether the articles will have any impact	Add as C – 1402
Agricultural Economics (Czech Republic)	Czech Academy of Agricultural Sciences	0139-570X	1805-9295	A	Invalid submission	Do not add
Agricultural Systems	Elsevier	0308-521X		A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Al Bashaer Economic Journal	University Tahi Mohamed; Bechar	2437-0932	2600-6391	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Al-Afak Journal for Economic Studies	The Faculty of Economic Sciences, Commerce and Management Sciences	2571-9769	2602-5051	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Algerian Journal of Globalization and Economic Policies	Laboratory of Globalisation and Economic Policies	2335-1268	2600-6693	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Algerian Journal of Public Finance	Dar El Kounouz	2170-1881		C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Algerian Review of Economic Development	Kasdi Merbah University Ouargla	2392-5302	2588-2457	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
American Economic & Social Review	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2576-1269	2576-1277	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
American Economic Review: Insights	American Economic Association	2640-205X	2640-2068	A*	The high prestige of the editorial board and success of other new AEA journals suggest this should be initially rated as A* as the prominent outlet in Economics for short articles. Given the general nature of the journal, it should be classified as 1402	Add as A* — 1402
American International Journal of Economics and Finance Research	American International Journal of Economics and Finance Research	2642-2867	2642-2875	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Applied Economics and Finance	Redfame Publishing	2332-7294	2332-7308	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Bayesian Analysis	Carnegie Mellon University	1931-6690	1936-0975	A	Already in 0104. (Note: upgraded to A following feedback process)	Do not add

Bulletin of Applied Economics	Risk Market Journals	2056-3728	2056-3736	C	Articles are of mixed quality and little impact given launch in 2014. However, it appears above the minimum quality threshold. Should be initially included as C	Add as C – 1402
Chaos, Solitons and Fractals	Elsevier	0960-0779		A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Climate and Development	Taylor & Francis Online	1756-5529	1756-5537	B	This new journal has substantive business/economic content and has impact measures that suggest it should be initially placed as a B until it establishes more of a track record of impact in economics. Given relevance for ecological economics, it should be classified as 1499	Add as B – 1499
Climatic Change	Springer Nature	0165-0009	1573-1480	A*	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Cogent Engineering	Taylor & Francis Online			B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Econometrics and Statistics	Elsevier	2452-3062		A	Advisory board is very good, but articles do not yet look as strong as A comparators such as Journal of Time Series Econometrics. As a new journal without track record, but good editorial process, natural to at B	Add as B – 1403
Economic Researcher Review	University of Skikda – Algeria	2335-1748	2588-235X	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Economic Theory Bulletin	Springer International Publishing	2196-1085	2196-1093	A	Editorial board looks good and articles are of reasonable quality. Lack of impact measures suggests starting the journal at B rating and seeing how it performs	Add as B – 1401
Economics of Energy & Environmental Policy	The International Association for Energy Economics	2160-5882	2160-5890	B	This new journal already has impact by some measures. But quality of articles in terms of original research and editorial process is such that an initial rating of B is appropriate	Add as B – 1402

Economies	MDPI		2227-7099	B	Very new journal with uncertain quality and editorial board. It would make sense to start it at a C until there are more indications of quality and impact for a higher rating	Add as C – 1402
Education Finance and Policy	MIT Press	1557-3060	1557-3079	A*/A	Comparison with established journals in same field in terms of quality of articles, editorial board, and already strong impact measures supports starting this new journal at A rating. Given focus on education economics, it should be classified as 1402	Add as A — 1402
El-Bahith Review	Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla	1112-3613	2437-0843	No rating	Invalid submission	Do not add
Empirical Economic Review	Department of Economics, University of Management and Technology	2415-0304	2522-2465	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Energy	Elsevier	0360-5442		A*	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Energy and Buildings	Elsevier			A*	Invalid submission	Do not add
Environmental Economics	Business Perspectives	1998-6041	1998-605X	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Essays in Economic & Business History	The Economic and Business History Society	0896-226X	2376-9459	B	Although too soon to have impact measures, the quality of articles and prominence of authors in Economic History support initial rating of B	Add as B – 1402
Eurasian Economic Review	Springer International Publishing	1309-422X	2147-429X	B	Impact measures are low and quality and originality of articles is limited. But given some impact and some good contributions, it is reasonable to rate it and start it at C	Add as C – 1402
Eurasian Journal of Business and Economics	Ala-Too International University	1694-5948	1694-5972	C		Refer to 1501
Foreign Trade Review	Sage Publications	0015-7325	0971-7625	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy	IEEE			A*	Invalid submission	Do not add
Institutions and Economies	Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, Malaysia	2232-1640	2232-1349	C	Invalid submission	Do not add

International Food and Agribusiness Management Review	Wageningen Academic Publisher		1559-2448	B	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
International Journal of Educational Research	Elsevier	0883-0355		A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
International Journal of Health Policy and Management	Kerman University of Medical Science	2322-5939		A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
International Journal of Music Business Research	International Music Business Research Association	2227-5789	2227-5789	B	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
International Review of Business and Economics (IRBE)	IRBE Publications	2474-5138	2474-5146	A*	Not sufficient quality/editorial process based on journal website information	Do not add
International Review of Environmental and Resource Economics	Now Publishers	1932-1465	1932-1473	A	A new journal with mixed quality/originality of papers, but some established impact measures that are consistent with B rating. It is appropriate to start at B and see how quality and impact evolve as the journal establishes itself	Add as B – 1402
Journal of Bangladesh Studies	Bangladesh Development Initiative	1529-0905	1529-0905	C	Not sufficient quality/editorial process based on journal website information	Do not add
Journal of Economic Additions	ASJP — Electronic Publishing Platform For Algerian Scientific Journals — Research Centre For Scientific And Technical Information — Algeria	2572-0074		C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Economic and Financial Studies	University of Eloued	1112-7961/ 2600-6073	2600-6073	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development	Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC)	1308-7800	0252-953X	B	Not sufficient quality/editorial process based on journal website information	Do not add

Journal of Economic Insight	Missouri Valley Economic Association	2572-7362	2639-6858	A	Not really a new journal, but has no impact measures to support higher than a C rating. Quality of articles is mixed, but the level is sufficient for the journal to be rated on the ABDC List. General nature of articles suggests it should be classified as 1402	Add as C — 1402
Journal of Economic Science Association	Springer International Publishing	2199-6776	2199-6784	A	The editorial board is of high calibre and the journal compares favourably in quality of articles to other A rated journals in the field of experimental economics. These considerations justify including it initially as an A journal	Add as A – 1402
Journal of Economic Sciences Institute	Ibrahim Soltane Chibout University (University of Algiers 3) Algeria	1112-2382	2600-6731	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research	Allied Business Academies	1533-3590	1533-3604	A*	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Economics Teaching	Journal of Economics Teaching			B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Global Economic Analysis	Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University	2377-2999	2377-2999	A*	Journal is very new with a very narrow field focus. The editorial board is good, so it is appropriate to start as B and see how its impact and quality evolves	Add as B – 1402
Journal of North African Economies	OPU	1112-6132	2588-1930	UNE	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Quantitative Economics Studies	Ouargla University	2437-1033	2602-5183	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Journal of Quantitative Methods	Department of Quantitative Methods, School of Business and Economics (SBE), University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore, Pakistan.	2522-2252	2522-2260	B/C	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists	University of Chicago Press	2333-5955	2333-5963	A	New journal that intends to be top field journal in Environmental Economics. Strong editorial board and high quality articles, but unclear yet whether impact will make it top field journal. Thus, it makes sense to start at A and see how the journal evolves	Add as A – 1402

Journal of the Economics of Ageing	Elsevier	2212-828X		A	Given initial impact measures, the journal compares more to B rated journals than A. Thus, it should initially be included at B and see how its quality and impact evolves. Should be classified as 1402	Add as B — 1402
Les Cahiers du CREAD	Research Center in Applied Economics for Development	10120009	2437-0568	B	Invalid submission	Do not add
Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies	Taylor & Francis Online	1752-0843	1752-0851	B	International editorial board and mixed quality of articles. Very low impact measures suggest starting as C and seeing how its quality and impact evolve	Add as C – 1401
Medical Decision Making	Sage Publications	0272-989X	1552-681X	A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change	Springer International Publishing	1381-2386	1573-1596	A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Modern Economy	Scientific Research	2152-7245	2152-7261	C	Invalid submission	Do not add
Nature	Nature Publishing Group	0028-0836	1476-4687	A*	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America	National Academy of Sciences	1091- 6490	0027-8424	A*	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Regional Science Policy and Practice	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing		1757-7802	C	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Renewable Energy	Elsevier			A*	Invalid submission	Do not add
Research in Experimental Economics	Emerald Group Publishing	0193-2306	1875-7537	A	Not really a new journal, but publishes only infrequently. It does adhere to proper editorial process. Quality and impact suggest it is comparable to B rated journals in the field. Thus, it should be rated as B. A journal in Experimental Economics should be classified as FoR1402	Add as B — 1402
Review of Behavioral Economics	Now Publishers	2326-6198	2326-6201	A	Good editorial board, but still preliminary in terms of indications of impact. Thus, it makes sense to start as B and see how it evolves	Add as B – 1402
Revue d'Economie et de Statistique Appliquée	Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée	1112-234X	2600-6642	A/B	Invalid submission	Do not add

Risk Analysis	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1539-6924		A	Does not meet 50% business element test	Do not add
Roa Iktissadia Review	University of Eloued	2253-0088	2437-0789	C	Not sufficient quality/editorial process based on journal website information	Do not add
Science	American Association for the Advancement of Science	0036-8075	1095-9203	A*	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
Social Science and Medicine	Elsevier	1873-5347	0277-9536	A*	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
South Asian Journal of Macroeconomics and Public Finance	Sage Publications	2277-9787	2321-0273	B	Mixed quality of articles and initial low impact measures suggest including in the ABDC List at C	Add as C – 1402
Studies in Microeconomics	Sage Publications	2321-0222	2321-8398	B	International editorial board and mixed quality of articles. Very low impact measures suggest starting as C and seeing how its quality and impact evolve	Add as C – 1401
Sustainability	MDPI	2071-1050	2071-1050	A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
The Bottom Line	Emerald Group Publishing	0888-045X		B	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
The Cato Journal	The Cato Institute	0273-3072		A	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add
The Journal of Economic Asymmetries	Elsevier	1703-4949		A	Good quality of articles, but relatively low initial impact measures and journal is not really that new. So it should be placed at B and see how it evolves	Add as B – 1402
Transnational Corporations Review	Taylor & Francis Online	1918-6444	1925-2099	B	Not 50% Economics/Business. (Note: after considering eligible feedback, the chair recommended this journal be included at C)	Do not add
Urban Science	MDPI	2413-8851	2413-8851	B	Not 50% Economics/Business	Do not add

1401-1499 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS AND CHANGE FoR CODE						
Journal Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	ABDC Rating 2016	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Economics & Politics	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0954-1985	1468-0343	B	This is a journal that covers both Economics and Political Science. It has a good editorial board and more impact by a number of measures than the related journals that are ranked A. Thus, the change from B to A rating is justified	A
European Review of Economic History	Oxford University Press	1361-4916	1474-0044	B	This journal has a strong editorial board and reasonable impact for the subfield of Economic History. It compares favourably to comparator journals in the field rated A. Thus, the change from B to A rating is justified	A
Health Policy	Elsevier	0168-8510	1872-6054	B	A multidisciplinary journal, but has sufficient Economics content and a number of members of editorial board are Economists. Impact by various measures justify rating of A based on comparison to other journals in the field	A
Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics	Elsevier	2214-8043		B	Strong editorial board and high rejection rate, along with improved and good impact by various measures that compare favourably to other A journals in field. Thus, a change to A rating is justified	A

Journal of Economic Surveys	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0950-0804	1467-6419	B	The editorial process for this journal is rigorous and the impact by various measures is good even within the context of a journal with survey articles. Some very high impact articles have been published in the journal and its quality is consistent with that of comparator A journals. Thus, a change to an A rating is justified	A
The Journal of Economic Inequality	Springer International Publishing	1569-1721	1573-8701	B	The strength of the editorial board, the rigorous editorial process, and the improving impact by various measures (top quartile journal) support the rating of A instead of B for this journal	A
European Journal of Health Economics	Springer International Publishing	1618-7598	1618-7601	B	The journal has a rigorous editorial process and impact measures that compare favourably to A rated journals in the same field. Thus, a change in rating to A is justified	A
Journal of Financial Econometrics	Oxford University Press	1479-8409	1479-8417	A	The quality of articles and rigorousness of the editorial process in terms of very high rejection rates suggest that this is the premier journal in the field of financial econometrics. The editorial board is strong and the impact by various measures also places this in the top 5% of Economics journals and above otherwise comparable A rated journals	A*

Journal of Risk and Uncertainty	Springer International Publishing	0895-5646	1573-0476	A	This journal publishes high quality articles and has a reasonably prominent editorial board. It has strong impact measures and compares favourably to Games and Economic Behavior under 1401 and Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization under 1402. Under 1401, it stands as a top field journal for decision theory and experimental/ behavioural research	A*
Economic Systems Research	Taylor & Francis Online	0953-5314	1469-5758	C	The journal publishes reasonable quality articles and has an international editorial board. It is a top quartile journal in area of environmental/input-output economics research that could fall under Ecological Economics (149902). It is somewhat multi-disciplinary, but has a large amount of Economics content. Given better impact than other C journals, its change to a B rating is justified	B
Environmental Economics and Policy Studies	Springer International Publishing	1432-847X	1867-383X	C	This journal has a rigorous editorial process with high rejection rate. It also has improved impact by a number of measures that is higher than comparator journals rated B. Thus, the change in rating is justified	B
Forest Policy and Economics	Elsevier	1389-9341	1872-7050	C	The journal has considerable and reasonable quality Economics content, as well as good impact by various measures. Thus, a B rating instead of C is justified	B

Indian Economic Journal	Sage Publications	0019-4662		C	This journal has moved to a new publisher and has a revamped and good editorial board. It is a bit like a new journal with a good editorial board and, thus, should be put as a B journal and re-evaluated once impact measures make its rating clear	B
Journal of Choice Modelling	Elsevier	1755-5345		C	Multidisciplinary journal, but sufficient content and impact in Economics to justify inclusion in FoR1401. Good editorial board. Impact measures are consistent with related journals with a B rating rather than C	B
Journal of Econometric Methods	De Gruyter		2156-6674	C	Very good editorial board and high quality articles in Econometrics. Publishes only once a year and has no impact measures. Thus, a rating of B is justified until more impact measures could support an A rating that would otherwise be justified based on the editorial board and some of the content	B
Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination	Springer International Publishing	1860-711X	1860-7128	C	The impact of the journal by various measures suggests that it should be rated B instead of C. The content is also of sufficient quality and the editorial board has well-known economists in the field	B
Networks and Spatial Economics	Springer International Publishing	1566-113X	1572-9427	C	This journal has some Economics content and some contributors from business schools. The quality of articles, editorial board, and impact on Economics suggests that a rating of B would be appropriate	B

Journal of Post Keynesian Economics	Taylor & Francis Online	0160-3477	1557-7821	B	This is a well-known journal in the field of Heterodox Economics (FoR 149903). Thus, it should be re-classified to 1499. The impact measures for the journal justify its current rating of B	Change FoR code from 1402 to 1499
International Journal of Political Economy	Taylor & Francis Online	0891-1916	1558-0970	C	The content and editorial board make it clear that this journal is Heterodox Economics (FoR 1499). A lack of impact measures justifies its current C rating	Change FoR code from 1402 to 1499
Quarterly Journal of Finance and Accounting	Creighton University	0747-5535		B	Most articles published in the journal are in Accounting and some in Finance, but almost none in recent years in Economics. Accounting Panel recommended change in FoR and the change seems justified	Change FoR code from 1402 to 1501
Real Estate Economics	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1080-8620	1540-6229	A	Despite the title of the journal, most of the content falls under Finance (1502). The Economics Panel agreed with the proposal to change the FoR code on this basis and the Finance Panel agreed to this change	Change FoR code from 1402 to 1502
Journal of Asian Economics	Elsevier	1049-0078	1873-7927	B	The content of journal falls under multiple categories in FoR 1402. Although it seems to be an improving journal by impact measures, it compares more to other B journals in its field than A journals. Thus, its current rating of B is justified	Change FoR code from 1499 to 1402

Journal of Financial Stability	Elsevier	1572-3089	1878-0962	B	This a multidisciplinary journal across Economics and Finance, but the majority of high impact articles are related to monetary policy and macroprudential regulation, thus suggesting it should be classified under 1402 (140212 Macroeconomics (Monetary and Fiscal Theory)) instead of 1499 or 1502. The reasonably strong impact by various measures and editorial board, along with some high quality and high impact articles, suggest an A rating instead of B	Change to A; Change FoR code from 1499 to 1402
Review of Economics of the Household	Springer International Publishing	1569-5239	1573-7152	B	Most articles published in the journal fall under Applied Economics 1402 and the comparator journals in Labour Economics and Applied Microeconomics are all under that category. It should be re-classified from 1499. Given favourable impact measure in comparison to related journals, quality of the articles, and editorial board, a change in rating to A from B is justified	Change to A; Change FoR code from 1499 to 1402
International Journal of Central Banking	Association of the International Journal of Central Banking	1815-4654		C	Economics Panel recommends that it should be changed to FoR 1402 given that content is primarily monetary/macroeconomics (140212). The Finance Panel agreed with this change. A change in rating to A is also justified given the high quality of articles, strong editorial board, and strong impact measures that compare favourably to related A rated journals	Change to A; Change FoR code from 1502 to 1402

Agribusiness: An International Journal	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0742-4477	1520-6297	C		Change FoR code from 1599 to 1402. No change in ranking.
Applied Economics	Taylor & Francis Online	0003-6846	1466-4283	A		No change
Ecological Economics	Elsevier	0921-8009	1873-6106	A		No change
Economics Letters	Elsevier	0165-1765	1873-7374	A		No change
Economics of Education Review	Elsevier	0272-7757	1873-7382	A		No change
Environmental and Resource Economics	Springer International Publishing	0924-6460	1573-1502	A		No change
European Journal of Political Economy	Elsevier	0176-2680	1873-5703	A		No change
International Journal of Industrial Organization	Elsevier	0167-7187	1873-7986	A		No change
Journal of Agricultural Economics	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0021-857X	1477-9552	A	Invalid submission	No change
Journal of Development Studies	Taylor & Francis Online	0022-0388	1743-9140	A		No change
Journal of Economic Psychology	Elsevier	0167-4870	1872-7719	A		No change
Journal of Economics & Management Strategy	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1058-6407	1530-9134	A		No change
Journal of Law, Economics and Organization	Oxford University Press	8756-6222	1465-7341	A		No change
Journal of Population Economics	Springer International Publishing	0933-1433	1432-1475	A		No change
Land Economics	University of Wisconsin Press	0023-7639	1543-8325	A		No change
Scottish Journal of Political Economy	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0036-9292	1467-9485	A		No change
The Economic Record	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0013-0249	1475-4932	A		No change
The Journal of Industrial Economics	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0022-1821	1467-6451	A		No change
World Development	Elsevier	0305-750X	1873-5991	A		No change
Economic Theory	Springer International Publishing	0938-2259	1432-0479	A*		No change
Energy Economics	Elsevier	0140-9883	1873-6181	A*		No change
Health Economics	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1057-9230	1099-1050	A*		No change
Journal of Business & Economic Statistics	Taylor & Francis Online	0735-0015	1537-2707	A*		No change
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management	Elsevier	0095-0696	1096-0449	A*		No change
Journal of Health Economics	Elsevier	0167-6296	1879-1646	A*		No change
The American Economic Review	American Economic Association	0002-8282	0065-812X	A*		No change
The Journal of Law and Economics	University of Chicago Law School	0022-2186	1537-5285	A*		No change
Australian Economic History Review	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0004-8992	1467-8446	B		No change
Australian Economic Papers	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0004-900X	1467-8454	B		No change

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies	Taylor & Francis Online	0007-4918	1472-7234	B		No change
Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society	Oxford University Press	1752-1378	1752-1386	B	This is a multidisciplinary journal, with some coverage in Economics. In terms of the Economics articles, the quality, along with editorial board, suggests the current rating of B is appropriate	No change
Dynamic Games and Applications	Springer International Publishing	2153-0785	2153-0793	B		No change
Econometrics	MDPI	2225-1146		B		No change
Economic Analysis and Policy	Elsevier	0313-5926	2204-2296	B		No change
Economic Systems	Elsevier Science	0939-3625	1878-5433	B		No change
European Journal of the History of Economic Thought	Taylor & Francis Online	0967-2567	1469-5936	B		No change
International Journal of Development and Conflict	Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics	2010-2704		B		No change
Journal of Business Economics and Management	Taylor & Francis Online	1611-1699	2029-4433	B	Invalid submission	No change
Journal of Economic Studies	Emerald Group Publishing	0144-3585	1758-7387	B		No change
Journal of Institutional Economics	Cambridge University Press	1744-1374	1744-1382	B		No change
Journal of Pension Economics and Finance	Cambridge University Press	1474-7472	1475-3022	B		No change
Journal of World Trade	Kluwer Law International	1011-6702		B	The proposal to move to 1801 was rejected by the Business Law Panel on the basis that the content was not Business Law. It does publish Economics articles, but the quality and impact of these suggests the current rating of B is justified	No change
Resources Policy	Elsevier	0301-4207	1873-7641	B	Invalid submission	No change
Studies in Economics and Finance	Emerald Group Publishing	1086-7376	1755-6791	B		No change
The Australian Economic Review	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0004-9018	1467-8462	B		No change
The Economic and Labour Relations Review	Sage Publications	1035-3046		B		No change
The North American Journal of Economics and Finance	Elsevier	1062-9408	1879-0860	B		No change
African Journal of Economic and Sustainable Development	Inderscience Enterprises Ltd.	2046-4770	2046-4789	C		No change

Asian Journal of Agriculture and Development	Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture	1656-4383	2599-3879	C		No change
Asian Journal of Empirical Research	Asian Economic and Social Society	2306-983X	2224-4425	C	Invalid submission. (Note: Journal removed following further analysis. Does not meet required quality threshold)	No change
China Agricultural Economic Review	Emerald Group Publishing	1756-137X	1756-1388	C		No change
Journal of Applied Business and Economics	North Press Business Press	1499-691X		C		No change
Journal of the Knowledge Economy	Springer International Publishing	1868-7865	1868-7873	C		No change
Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics	University of Karachi	0254-9204		C	Invalid submission	No change
The Journal of Pacific Studies	University of South Pacific	1011-3029		C	Invalid submission	No change
The Review of Austrian Economics	Springer International Publishing	0889-3047	1573-7128	C	Invalid submission	No change
1401-1499 — REMOVAL OF JOURNALS						
Journal Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	ABDC Rating 2016	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Journal of Happiness Studies	Springer International Publishing	1389-4978	1573-7780	B	This is a multi-disciplinary journal with relatively little Economics content or publications by those in Economics/Business. It is primarily Psychology and only has a small number of economists on the editorial board compared to other disciplines. Thus, it should be removed from FoR 1402 and the ABDC List	Remove
Theoretical Economics Letters	Scientific Research Publishing Inc.	2162-2078	2162-2086	B	The editorial process does not appear rigorous and the quality of the articles is too low to be rated on the ABDC List	Remove
Value in Health	Elsevier	1098-3015	154-4733	B	This is an Epidemiological/Health journal, not an Economics/ Business journal. There is little evidence of publications by economists or researchers in Business disciplines. It should not be on the ABDC List	Remove

Accounting

Panel Members considered the submission's current ranking in the ABDC Journal List; various citation and impact metrics such as H index, total cites, cites per document, CiteScore, SNIP, SJR and journal impact factors; rankings in other ranking schemes; acceptance rates; times in review; etc. However, we noted that the final rankings would not be based solely on citation and impact metrics because of the limitations of such metrics. We agreed that for journals being considered for a change in ranking, each Panel member would read a sample of recent papers from the relevant journals so as to be informed about the quality of the publications in the relevant journal. We also agreed to seek the opinions of other high-quality academics who were likely to be well-informed about a particular journal where we believed additional input was required. We agreed that a similar method would be used to rank new journals added to the List. Conflicts of interest were declared with respect to declared editorial roles at a journal or recent publications. Panel members with Editor/Associate Editor roles were not permitted to vote on the outcome of that journal although they could participate in the discussion. Panel members were allowed to vote on the outcome of journals in which they had recently published.

During our first meeting, we discussed the submissions for proposed new journals. We considered whether they were peer reviewed, did not appear to be predatory and had sufficient accounting content to be included under FoR 1501. We determined an initial ranking for new journals based on the criteria discussed above. We discussed the submissions recommending upgrades to A* and A came to a consensus decision with respect to which journals we would consider further in our next meeting. We also discussed whether there were other journals that should be considered for an upgrade for which no submission had been made. For journals that were to be considered further for a possible upgrade, we agreed to collect more information (as outlined above) for our next meeting and read a sample of papers from recent issues from those journals.

During our meetings on 5 and 6 August, we first discussed the journals under consideration for an upgrade to A* and arrived at a consensus decision about which journals should be upgraded to A*. We then discussed journals under consideration for an upgrade to A and arrived at a consensus decision about journals should be upgraded to A. The Panel then reviewed C ranked journals and arrived at a consensus decision as to which journals should be reclassified from C to B. The main reason why a journal was not upgraded to A or B was the high variance in the quality of the papers, including their special issues. It was felt that these journals were attracting some papers consistent with papers published in higher ranked journals, but the publications were mixed with a higher proportion of lower quality publications. After our first meeting, several journals not part of a submission as a new journal were identified by Panel members as journals that should be considered for addition to the Journal List because the journals were included on other journal

lists or were identified by Panel members as a result of their familiarity with journals in their area. The Panel members arrived at a consensus decision for their recommended rankings. The Panel identified some journals that should be reclassified as FoR 1501. We discussed whether any journals warranted a downgrade and arrived at a consensus decision that no journals should be downgraded because the Panel believed the present ranking was appropriate given the quality of the papers in that journal or there were requests to upgrade the same journal and we believed the present ranking is appropriate. Our discussions centred around the submission materials, metrics, rankings in other ranking schemes, an examination of the journal website information on editorial process and our own readings of recent published articles. There was an allowance for differences of opinion, and we would have reverted to a vote if necessary. However, in practice, we were able to reach a consensus on every single recommendation that was made during our first two meetings.

Subsequent to the first two meetings and before the submission of the draft List, there was email correspondence between the Panel members about additional reclassifications from C to B and B to A and another journal to be added to the List. We arrived at a consensus decision for each of those final recommendations. Panel members reviewed the feedback submissions on the Draft List and had email correspondence about whether any changes should be made to the Draft. Based on the majority view expressed in the email correspondence, the Panel Chair recommended two additional journal upgrades to the List. In addition, three journals were recommended to be removed from the List because they appeared to be predatory journals.

The Panel notes that a significant number of journals were added to the FoR 1501 List, which resulted in more journals being added to each of the journal ranking categories. The Panel notes that there are differences in quality between the top and bottom journal within each category on the List with regard to impact, contribution, type of article, etc. The Panel believes care must be taken not to overrely on the journal categorisation.

1501 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Requested Rating	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
Accounting and Financial Control	LLC Consulting Publishing Company "Business Perspectives"	2543-5485	2544-1450	C	Publisher appears to be predatory	Do NOT add
Accounting, Finance and Governance Review	Irish Accounting and Finance Association	0791-9638		C	Previously Irish Accounting Review — changed the name on the other spreadsheet	Already on the Journal List with a different name
Administrative and Financial Sciences Review	University of Eloued	2602-6139	2661-7765	B	Papers are not in English and not really accounting	Do NOT add
American Finance & Banking Review	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2576-1226	2576-1234	C	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Asia Pacific Media Educator	Sage Publications	1326-365X	2321-5410	B	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Asian Finance & Banking Review	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2576-1161	2576-1188	C	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Asian Journal of Accounting Research	Emerald Group Publishing	2459-9700	2443-4175	C	This is an accounting journal but there is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
Asian Journal of Management Cases	Sage Publications	0972-8201	0973-0621	C	This is an accounting journal but but there is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
Australian Finance & Banking Review	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2576-1196	2576-120X	C	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Communication Research and Practice	Taylor & Francis Online	2204-1451	2206-3374	A	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Corporate Governance and Sustainability Review	Virtus Interpress	2519-8971	2519-898X	C	This is an accounting journal but but there is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C

Corporate Ownership and Control	Virtus Interpress	1727-9232	1810-3057	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A	B
Critical Perspectives on Accounting	Elsevier	1045-2354	1095-9955	A*	Critical Perspectives is already on the List as an A journal	Already on the Journal List
Environmental Economics	LLC Consulting Publishing Company "Business Perspectives"	1998-6041	1998-605X	A	Publisher appears to be predatory	Do NOT add
Financial Reporting	Franco Angeli	2036-671X	2036-6779	B	This is an accounting journal but but there is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
Geopolitics Under Globalization	International Research Journals			B	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Global Journal of Accounting and Finance	Institute for Global Business Research	2574-0474	2574-0482	B	This is an accounting journal as the majority of the papers are accounting or accounting related. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering	IEEE			B	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Indian Journal of Corporate Governance	Sage Publications	0974-6862		C	Majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C

Indian Journal of Finance and Banking	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2574-6081	2574-609X	C	Majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
Indonesian Journal of Sustainability Accounting and Management	Universitas Pasundan	2597-6214	2597-6222	B	Majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
International Journal for Academic Development	Routledge	1360-144X	1470-1324	A	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
International Journal of Accounting & Finance Review	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2576-1285	2576-1293	C	Majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
International Journal of Accounting and Business Finance	Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka	2448-9867	2448-9875	C	Majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
International Journal of Digital Culture and Electronic Tourism	Inderscience Publishers	1753-5212	1753-5220	C	Papers are not about accounting. This appears to be a tourism journal	Do NOT add
International Journal of Business and Society	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak	1511-6670		C	Depending on which issue, the majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. but there is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
JMIR mHealth and uHealth	JMIR Publications	2291-5222		A	Papers are not about accounting. This appears to be a health infomatics journal	Do NOT add

Journal of Accounting Finance and Auditing Studies	Ahmet Gökgöz		2149-0996	A*	Publisher appears to be predatory as you pay a fee upon publication	Do NOT add
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	American Accounting Association	1554-1908	1558-7940	A/C	Journal is already on the List	B
Journal of Finance and Accountancy (JFA)	AABRI		1948-3015	B	Publisher appears to be predatory as you pay a fee upon publication	Do NOT add
Journal of Finance and Accounting Studies (JAFS)	ASJP: Platform for Algerian Scientific Journals	2437-1165	2602-6864	C	Papers are not in English	Do NOT add
Journal of Financial Reporting	American Accounting Association	2380-2154	2380-2146	A*/A	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. The authors of the papers in the journal are well known authors with international reputations as high quality researchers	A
Journal of Forensic Accounting Research	American Accounting Association		2380-2138	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A	B
Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)	JMIR Publications	1438-8871		A	Papers are not about accounting.	Do NOT add
Journal of the Economic of Finance and Business	University of Eloued-Algeria	2543-3660		B	Most papers are not in English. Only a small number of papers are about accounting or accounting related issues	Do NOT add

Management Control	Franco Angeli	2239-0391	2239-4397	C	Majority of papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
Population	Institut national d'études démographiques	1957-7966		A	Papers are not about accounting	Do NOT add
Public and Municipal Finance	Business Perspectives			C	Publisher appears to be predatory as you pay a fee upon publication	Do NOT add
South African Journal of Accounting Research	Routledge	1029-1954		B/C	Papers are accounting or accounting related papers. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers. Flawed designs and marginal contributions to the literature	C
Strategic Finance	Institute of Management Accountants			C	Articles are not research	Do NOT add
Technological Forecasting and Social Change	Elsevier	0040-1625	1873-5509	A*	Already listed under 1503	
The Accountant	Financial News Publishing Ltd			A	Articles are not research	Do NOT add
The North American Accounting Studies	Digital Commons / Northeastern Illinois University	2574-1330	2574-1349	C	There is only one issue with three articles	Do NOT add

1501— PANEL INITIATED NEW JOURNALS						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Requested Rating	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
Accounting, Economics and Law — A Convivium	De Gruyter	2194-6051	2152-2820	N/A	The papers are citing good quality research. They have worthwhile research questions and reasonable execution	B
Advances in Environmental Accounting and Management	Emerald Group Publishing	1479-3598		N/A	The papers are citing good quality research. They have worthwhile research questions and reasonable execution. The papers add to the literature but would have limited outlets	B
Audit Financiar	Camera Auditorilor Financiari din Romania — Chamber of Financial Auditors of Romania	1583-5812	1844-8801	N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C
Australian Journal of Business and Management Research	New South Wales Research Centre Australia		1839-0846	N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C
China Journal of Accounting Studies	Taylor & Francis Online	2169-7213	2169-7221	N/A	Strong editorial board and Consulting editors, papers are high quality. Comparable to strong B journals and possibly low A journals	B
Comptabilité — Contrôle — Audit	Association Francophone de Comptabilité France	1262-2788	2313-514X	N/A	This is the journal of the Francophone Accounting Association. Features some very good authors undertaking papers that cross over practice/academia	B
Copernican Journal of Finance & Accounting	Nicolaus Copernicus University	2300-1240	2300-3065	N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C
EDPACS: The EDP Audit, Control, and Security Newsletter	Taylor & Francis Online	0736-6981	1936-1009	N/A	Lower quality articles targeted at practitioners	C
Eurasian Journal of Business and Economics	Ala-Too International University	1694-5948	1694-5972	N/A	Lower quality papers. This has accounting and accounting related papers in interesting economic contexts. There is very high variance in the quality of the papers	C

Facta Universitatis: Economics and Organization	University of Nis	0354-4699	2406-050X	N/A	Significant percentage are accounting but there is very high variance in the quality of papers	C
Intelligent Systems in Accounting, Finance and Management: An International Journal	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1055-615X	1099-1174	N/A	Reasonable quality papers, authors and editors	B
International Journal of Disclosure and Governance	Palgrave Macmillan	1741-3591	1746-6539	N/A	Sound papers, good editor. The papers have interesting research questions, often with practical significance as well as adding to the academic literature. The papers are well executed, make a nice contribution and have an international flavour	B
IUP Journal of Accounting Research & Audit Practices	IUP Publications	0972-690X		N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C
IUP Journal of Corporate Governance	IUP Publications	0972-6853		N/A	Significant percentage are accounting but but there is very high variance in the quality of the papers	C
Journal of Commerce and Accounting Research	Publishing India Group	2277-2146	2320-4990	N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C
Journal of Cost & Management	Croatian Accountant	1848-137X		N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C
Journal of Management Control	Springer International Publishing	2191-4761	2191-477X	N/A	Very good papers, high quality editor. Papers are well executed and quality is consistent with other A journals	A
Research on Professional Responsibility and Ethics in Accounting	Emerald Group Publishing	1574-0765		N/A	Reasonable quality papers, high quality authors and editors. Quality is consistent with other B journals	B

Spanish Accounting Review / Revista de Contabilidad	ASEPUC (Asociación Española de Profesores Universitarios de Contabilidad)	1138-4891		N/A	Spanish Accounting Review is the journal of the Spanish Association of Accounting Academics since 1997. Referencing a range of average to very good journals. However the quality of the papers are variable. So a B journal	B
Spanish Journal of Finance and Accounting	Taylor & Francis Online	0210-2412	2332-0753	N/A	Journal of AECA — Asociación Española de Contabilidad y Administración de Empresas. Interesting research questions often addressing issues already in the literature but doing country specific study on the issue which is a nice contribution	B
The Indonesian Journal of Accounting Research	Indonesian Institute of Accountants – Compartment of Accounting Educators	2086-6887	2655-1748	N/A	There is very high variance in the quality of the papers and referencing low ranking journals	C

1501 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS OR CHANGE FoR CODE						
Journal Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	ABDC Rating 2016	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
Journal of Information Systems	American Accounting Association	0888-7985	1558-7959	A	Majority of papers published are accounting papers. The information systems Panel agreed to the change	Change FoR from 0806 to 1501
Quarterly Journal of Finance and Accounting	Creighton University	0747-5535		B	Majority of papers published are accounting papers. The economics Panel agreed to the change	Change FoR from 1402 to 1501
Accountancy Business and the Public Interest	Association for Accountancy & Business Affairs	1745-7718		C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification.	B
Accounting Educators Journal	American Accounting Association	1041-0392		C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B

Accounting Perspectives	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1911-382X	1911-3838	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
Australasian Accounting Business and Finance Journal	University of Canberra	1834-2000	1834-2019	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
China Accounting and Finance Review	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1029-807X	2307-3055	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. (Note: upgraded to A following feedback process)	A

China Journal of Accounting Research	Elsevier	1755-3091	2214-1421	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification. In some cases, the journals appeared to only publish papers from their home country, which limits the impact of the journal	B
International Journal of Managerial and Financial Accounting	Inderscience Enterprises Ltd.	1753-6715	1753-6723	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification. In some cases, the journals appeared to only publish papers from their home country, which limits the impact of the journal	B

Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies	Emerald Group Publishing	2042-1168	2042-1176	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
Journal of Applied Accounting Research	Emerald Group Publishing	0967-5426	1758-8855	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification. In some cases, the journals appeared to only publish papers from their home country, which limits the impact of the journal	B

Journal of Corporate Accounting and Finance	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1044-8136	1097-0053	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	American Accounting Association	1554-1908	1558-7940	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting	Louisiana State University		2165-3755	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B

Review of Accounting and Finance	Emerald Group Publishing	1475-7702	1758-7700	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
The International Journal of Digital Accounting Research	Rutgers University	1577-8517		C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B
The Journal of Theoretical Accounting Research	Iona College, Hagan School of Business	1556-5106		C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as a B journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs. However, the research questions addressed and/or research methods do not warrant an A classification	B

Accounting Education	Taylor & Francis Online	0963-9284	1468-4489	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Accounting History	Sage Publications	1032-3732	1749-3374	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Accounting in Europe	Taylor & Francis Online	1744-9480	1744-9499	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Advances in Accounting	Elsevier	0882-6110	1046-5715	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A

Advances in Accounting Behavioral Research	Emerald Group Publishing	1475-1488		B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Advances in Management Accounting	Emerald Group Publishing	1474-7871		B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Managerial Auditing Journal	Emerald Group Publishing	0268-6902	1758-7735	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Meditari Accountancy Research	Emerald Group Publishing	2049-372X	2049-3738	C	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A

Qualitative Research in Accounting and Management	Emerald Group Publishing	1176-6093	1758-7654	B	The Panel members agreed that the quality of the papers published in this journal is sufficiently high to warrant classification as an A journal. The journal has a strong editor and editorial board, addresses interesting research questions and employs rigorous research methods and designs	A
Journal of Business Finance & Accounting	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0306-686X	1468-5957	A	The Panel noted that the top three papers had very strong citation statistics. The overall quality of the papers published in the journal is very high and the journal publishes a broad range of papers with a bias towards financial accounting. The Panel members were of the opinion that the journal was of similar or better quality than European Accounting Review, which is currently ranked as an A* journal	A*
British Accounting Review	Elsevier	0890-8389	1095-8347	A	The Panel noted that the top three papers had very strong citation statistics and the journal had very strong citation metrics. The overall quality of the papers published in the journal is very high and the journal publishes a broad range of papers. The Panel members were of the opinion that the journal was of similar or better quality than European Accounting Review, which is currently ranked as an A* journal	A*

Accounting Auditing and Accountability Journal	Emerald Group Publishing	0951-3574	1758-4205	A	The Panel noted that the top three papers had very strong citation statistics and the journal itself also had very strong citation metrics. The journal provides an outlet for paper that would not fit well with the functionalist / qualitative accounting journals. Three of the four Panel members were of the opinion that the journal was of similar or better quality than European Accounting Review, which is currently ranked as an A* journal	A*
Journal of Management Accounting Research	American Accounting Association	1049-2127	1558-8033	A	This is one of the top journals specialising in management accounting research with most of the papers being quantitative management accounting. The Panel noted that the top three papers had very strong citation statistics. The overall quality of the papers published in the journal is very high. Three of the four Panel members were of the opinion that the journal was of similar or better quality than European Accounting Review, which is currently ranked as an A* journal. (Note: upgraded to A* following feedback process)	A*

Finance including Actuarial Studies

The 1502 Panel met three times, on 12 June, 25 July and 20 August 2019. Meetings were held face-to-face at the University of Technology Sydney with all Panel members present. At our first meeting, we discussed the task and the guidelines for making decisions, and briefly reviewed each request. After this meeting, each Panel member individually and independently assessed each valid request against the criteria, including any accessible data provided to the Panel. Some independent research regarding journal history and outward looking information (such as the Journal web site) was also typically reviewed. Based on these sources a rating was assigned for each valid upgrade and new rating request, and these were collated prior to the second Panel meeting.

At the second Panel meeting, the individual ratings were compared. In most cases the suggested outcomes were either identical, or had at least three out of four Panel members with an identical outcome. Instances where there was 100% agreement were briefly discussed, and instances where disagreement was minor were agreed by consensus such that there were no instances of disagreement among the Panel. Finally, instances where there was more significant disagreement and/or significant uncertainty existed among at least some Panel members were discussed, and these were highlighted for further individual review at the third meeting.

At the third Panel meeting, we briefly reviewed again all consensus decisions. We then discussed the small number of submissions where some disagreement existed and each one was resolved by consensus. A review was then done to ensure that the Panel was satisfied with the internal consistency of all decisions.

1502 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Requested Rating	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
American International Journal of Economics and Finance Research	American Center of Science and Education	2642-2867	2642-2875	C	Ineligible submission	Not included
Asia-Pacific Journal of Financial Studies	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	2041-9945	2041-6156	A	Credible editorial board with significant history. Citation metrics more comparable to other B-ranked journals	B
Bulletin of Monetary Economics and Banking	Bank Indonesia	1410-8046	2460-9196	B	Lack of credible citation data	C
Capital Markets Review	Malaysian Finance Association and Bursa Malaysia	1823-4445		C	Lack of citation data and strong bias towards Malaysian studies	C
Computation	MDPI			B	No obvious link to 1502	Not included
Data	MDPI			B	No obvious link to 1502	Not included
Economics Financial Banking and Management Journal	University of Biskra	2335-1187	2600-6340	C	Ineligible submission	Not included
Education Finance and Policy	MIT Press Journals			A	Ineligible submission	Not included
Entropy	MDPI			B	No obvious link to 1502	Not included
Finance and Business Economics Review	The University Center Abdelhafid Boussouf -Mila-	2543-3784	2588-2503	C	Ineligible submission	Not included
Financial Innovation	Springer International Publishing		2199-4730	A	Ineligible submission	Not included
Indian Journal of Finance	Associated Management Consultants Private Limited	0973-8711		B	Lowest quartile citation metrics. Relatively new journal with strong Indian bias	C
International Journal of Financial Studies	MDPI	2227-7072	2227-7072	B	Citation and impact consistent with other B ranked journals	B
International Journal of Islamic Banking and Finance Research	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business	2576-4136	2576-4144	C	Ineligible submission	Not included
Investment Analysts Journal	Taylor & Francis Online	1029-3523	2077-0227	B	Similar impact and citation data to other B ranked journals	B
ISRA International Journal of Islamic Finance	Emerald Group Publishing	0128-1976	2289-4365	A*	Limited history and citation/ impact evidence	C
Journal of Accounting and Finance	North American Business Press	2158 3625	2158 3625	C	Authors must be subscribers, quasi pay for publication	Not included
Journal of Financial, Accounting and Managerial Studies	Oum El Bouaghi University Algeria	2352-9962	2572-0147	A*	Ineligible submission	Not included
Journal of Hospitality Financial Management	ScholarWorks	1091-3211	2152-2790	B	Ineligible submission	Not included

Journal of Insurance and Financial Management	Journal of Insurance and Financial Management		2371-2112	C	Ineligible submission	Not included
Journal of Insurance Issues	Western & Southern Risk and Insurance Association	1531-6076	2332-4244	B	Very new journal with limited history	B
Journal of Quantitative Methods	Department of Quantitative Methods, School of Business and Economics, University of Management and Technology, Lahore Pakistan.	2522-2252	2522-2260	B	No obvious link to 1502	Not included
Journal of Risk and Financial Management	MDPI	1911-8066	1911-8074	B	Credible editorial board but limited evidence of impact and citations	B
Lahore Journal of Business	Lahore School of Economics	2223-0025		C	Ineligible submission	Not included
Public and Municipal Finance	LLC "Consulting Publishing Company "Business Perspectives"	2222-1867	2222-1875	C	Examination of web site suggest this is a pay-for-publication journal	Not included
Real Estate Finance	Wolters Kluwer	0748-318X		A	Ineligible submission	Not included
Stats	MDPI			B	No obvious link to 1502	Not included
The Journal of Behavioral Finance & Economics	Academy of Behavioral Finance and Economics	1551-9570	1551-9570	B	Inspection of web site indicates the journal is not publishing on any sort of regular timetable. Lack of continuity	Not included

1502 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Requested Rating	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
Algorithmic Finance	IOS Press	2158-5571	2157-6203	A	Borderline metrics but reasonable editorial board. Sufficient evidence of quality to upgrade to B	B
Annals of Finance	Springer International Publishing	1614-2446	1614-2454	A	Ineligible submission	
Applied Finance Letters	Auckland University of Technology	2253-5799	2253-5802	B	Included in EconLit	B
Banks and Bank Systems	Business Perspectives Ltd	1816-7403	1991-7074	C	No change requested	
Critical Finance Review	Now Publishers	2164-5744	2164-5760	A*/A	Strong evidence of peer esteem and comparable to other A* finance journals	A*
Emerging Markets Finance and Trade	Taylor & Francis Online	1540-496X	1558-0938	A	Ineligible submission	
Finance Research Letters	Elsevier	1544-6123	1544-6131	A	Impact factor comparable to several A ranked journals in 1502	A
Financial Analysts Journal	Taylor & Francis Online / CFA Institute	0015-198X	1938-3312	A	No change requested	
Financial Management	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0046-3892	1755-053X	A	No change requested	
Financial Planning Research Journal	Griffith University on behalf of FPA Australia	2206-1355		B	This looks more like a professional/practitioner journal. Not yet in Scopus	
Financial Review (US)	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0732-8516	1540-6288	A	No change requested	
Global Finance Journal	Elsevier	1044-0283	1873-5665	A	Comparable to other stronger B journals. (Note: upgraded to A following feedback process)	
Insurance: Mathematics & Economics	Elsevier	0167-6687	1873-5959	A*	Widespread recognition that this is one of the top three actuarial journals world-wide. Metrics suggest it is strongest	A*
International Journal of Central Banking	Association of the International Journal of Central Banking	1815-4654		A*/A	Change classification to 1402. To be ranked by 1402 Panel	N/A
International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management	Emerald Group Publishing	1753-8394	1753-8408	A	This is the only Islamic finance journal listed in SSCI. Very low acceptance rate (below 10%)	B

International Journal of Managerial Finance	Emerald Group Publishing	1743-9132	1758-6569	A	Very comparable metrics to many A ranked 1502 journals. Acceptance rate close to 10%	A
International Review of Finance	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1369-412X	1468-2443	A	No change requested	
International Review of Financial Analysis	Elsevier	1057-5219	1873-8079	A*	Overall journal profile consistent with other A journals, although strong metrics	A
Investment Management and Financial Innovations	Business Perspectives Ltd	1810-4967	1812-9358	B	Emerging metrics and broad based international editorial board	B
Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance	Elsevier	2214-6350		A	Metrics consistent with several A journals. Strong editorial board	A
Journal of Commodity Markets	Elsevier	2405-8513	2405-8505	A	Metrics consistent with A journals. Top quartile Repec impact factor	A
Journal of Empirical Finance	Elsevier	0927-5398	1879-1727	A	No change requested	
Journal of Financial Research	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0270-2592	1475-6803	A	No change requested	
Journal of International Money and Finance	Elsevier	0261-5606	1873-0639	A	No change requested	
Journal of Retirement	Institutional Portfolio Research Journals	2326-6899	2326-6902	B	Very strong specialist board, practitioner focus that translates research	B
North American Actuarial Journal	Taylor & Francis Online	1092-0277	2325-0453	A	Need to balance specialist actuarial journals — this has impact factors that compare favorably with other A ranked actuarial journals globally	A
Qualitative Research in Financial Markets	Emerald Group Publishing	1755-4179	1755-4187	B	Cite scores show upward trend and are consistent with a B ranked journal rather than a C. Appropriate editorial board and policies for a B journal rather than a C	B
Quarterly Journal of Finance	World Scientific Publishing	2010-1392	2010-1406	A	Very well established association journal (MFA) and strong metrics. The earlier ranking seems anomalous	A
Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting	Springer International Publishing	0924-865X	1573-7179	A	Ineligible submission	
The European Journal of Finance	Taylor & Francis Online	1351-847X	1466-4364	A	Strong metrics and publications — this is clearly comparable to other A ranked 1502 journals	A

The Journal of Futures Markets	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0270-7314	1096-9934	A	No change requested	
The Journal of Risk Finance	Emerald Group Publishing	1526-5943		B	Metrics are consistent with a B ranked journal — significantly stronger than C rank and solid international editorial board and policies	B
The Journal of Structured Finance	Instutional Investor Journals Group	1551-9783	1551-9783	B	This appears to be a solely practitioner journal	C

Management, Commercial Services and Transport and Logistics (and Other, covering 1599)

The 1503, 1504, 1507 Panel met face to face across three full days, and the 1599 Panel met face-to-face for one full day. Both Panels supplemented their work using an organised online process. Panel members declared conflicts of interest where they had either published in the journal under consideration, or if they currently, or had previously, held editorial or editorial board memberships. Members with conflicts of interest did not form part of the initial votes for a journal's ranking, but did contribute to the overall discussion ahead of final ranking decisions. Each member of the Panel considered all submissions and provided their initial ranking decision to the Chair via an online process. All initial decisions were then collated for discussion during the face-to-face meetings.

In the case of the suite of Operations and Supply Chain Management (OSCM) journals, several prominent international scholars provided their feedback and suggested rankings for this subset of journals. These formed part of the deliberations around the OSCM journals. The committee used the information from the formal submissions as well as a broad array of additional information to make the final ranking decisions. The latter included: expert sub-discipline knowledge; rankings from eleven journal rankings lists employed in varying international contexts; and several journal citation metrics such as Article Influence Scores, Impact Factors, Eigenfactors, SJR and SNIP. The Committee weighed all available information in coming to a decision, whereas submissions focused on the subset of favourable information.

The committee was especially mindful of intra-sub-discipline relativities in 1503. It was, for example, concerned to ensure that the subset of OSCM journals, or the subset of Organisational Behaviour (OB) journals were appropriately positioned, given that metrics across the management sub-disciplines are not always comparable.

The Panel took decisions to remove a number of C ranked journals that, in its view, had not kept pace with the developing standards necessary for inclusion on the List. It also took decisions to remove a number of journals that in its view did not pass the substantive business element test. However, it interpreted this test quite generously.

To maintain the integrity of the A* List, only those journals that the Panel agreed were in the top 5-7% of journals retained, or were awarded, a ranking of A*.

1503 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL			
Title	Requested Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Action Learning Research and Practice	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Administrative Sciences	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
African Journal of Business Ethics	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
AIMS International Journal of Management	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
American Journal of Business	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
American Journal of Entrepreneurship	A*	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Applied Energy	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
Asian Journal of Business Ethics	A/B/C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Asian Journal of Management Cases	B/C	Does not publish original research	Do not add
Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Basic and Applied Social Psychology	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Big Data and Cognitive Computing	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 0806 for outcome	Refer 0806
Business Perspectives and Research	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Business Research Quarterly	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Case Research Journal	A	Does not publish original research	Do not add
Communication Research and Practice	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1505 for outcome	Refer 1505
Computers & Industrial Engineering	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Corporate Governance and Sustainability Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
DIAS Technology Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Educational Action Research	-	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions	A*	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
European Journal of Personality	A*/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Evolution and Human Behavior	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
FIIB Business Review	B/C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Foresight	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
German Journal of Human Resource Management	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Global Business and Management Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Global Journal of Entrepreneurship	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Global Journal of Flexible Systems Management	A/B	Insufficient case made on which to base a decision	Do not add
Higher Education Research & Development	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management	A*/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A

IIM Kozhikode Society and Management Review	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
International Business Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
International Journal of Applied Decision Sciences	C	Insufficient case made on which to base a decision	Do not add
International Journal of Comparative Management	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
International Journal of Data Science and Analytics	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 0806 for outcome	Refer 0806
International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
International Journal of Health Governance	C	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
International Journal of Quality and Innovation	A	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
International Journal of Stress Management	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Journal of Biomedical Informatics	A*	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 0806 for outcome	Refer 0806
Journal of Business Venturing Insight	A*	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Journal of Cleaner Production	A*/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Journal of Educational Administration	A*	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Journal of English for Academic Purposes	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Global Good Governance Ethics and Leadership	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Journal of Global Operations and Strategic Sourcing	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Journal of Innovation Management	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Management Analytics	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Management Spirituality and Religion	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Pragmatics	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Journal of Quantitative Methods	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Journal of Science and Technology Policy Management	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Simulation	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Journal of Social Entrepreneurship	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Journal of Trust Research	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Judgment and Decision Making	A*/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Lahore Journal of Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Language in Society	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Law and Human Behavior	A*	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1801 for outcome	Refer 1801
Management and Labour Studies	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C

Management Dynamics	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Maritime Policy and Management	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1507 for outcome	Refer 1507
Medical Decision Making	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1402 for outcome	Do not add
Metamorphosis	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Mindfulness	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Organizations and Markets in Emerging Economies	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Perspectiva	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Political Psychology	A*	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
Politics and Gender	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
Prestige International Journal of Management & IT	-	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
RAE — Revista De Administracao de Empresas	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Resources Conservation and Recycling	A*/A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
Risk Analysis	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1402 for outcome	Refer 1402
Robotics and Computer Integrated Manufacturing	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Rutgers Business Review	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Safety Science	A*/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Service Business	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1505 for outcome	Refer 1505
Service Science	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
South Asian Journal of Business and Management Cases	B	Does not publish original research	Do not add
South Asian Journal of Business Studies	B	In existing List as South Asian Journal of Global Business Research	C
Stanford Social Innovation Review	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Strategy Science	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Sustainability	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
Systems	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Technology Innovation Management Review	A/B/C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Telecommunications Policy	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 0806 for outcome	Refer 0806
The CASE Journal	C	Does not publish original research	Do not add
The International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Management Perspectives: The Journal of the Iberoamerican Academy of Management	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Vaccine	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Vikalpa — The Journal for Decision Makers	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C (Note: removed at request of journal editor)

Vision — The Journal of Business Perspectives	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Voluntary Sector Review	B	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add

1503 — SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
International Journal of Public Policy	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Strategic Direction	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Voluntary Action	B	Discontinued	Remove
1503 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Academy of Management Perspectives	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Active Learning in Higher Education	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Administration and Society	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Asia Pacific Business Review	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Asia Pacific Journal of Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Asia-Pacific Journal of Business Administration	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Asia-Pacific Journal of Human Resources	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Asia-Pacific Management Review	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Australasian Dispute Resolution Journal	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Australasian Journal of Regional Studies	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1599 for outcome	Refer 1599
British Journal of Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Business and Society	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Business Ethics Quarterly	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Business Ethics: A European Review	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Business History	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Business Horizons	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Business Strategy and the Environment	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Career Development International	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Chinese Management Studies	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Competitiveness Review	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Corporate Governance: An International Journal of Business in Society	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Cross Cultural & Strategic Management	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Educational and Psychological Measurement	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A

EuroMed Journal of Business	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
European Journal of Communication	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
European Journal of Industrial Relations	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
European Management Review	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
European Management Journal	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Evidence-based HRM	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Family Business Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Gender and Education	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Gender, Work and Organization	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Global Business Review	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Global Strategy Journal	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Health Care Management Science	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Higher Education Quarterly	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to C	C
Higher Education, Skills and Work-based Learning	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Higher Education: The International Journal of Higher Education Research	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Human Resource Management Journal	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Human Resource Management Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Industry and Innovation	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Innovation: Organization and Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
International Business Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Business Communication	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
International Journal of Global Business and Competitiveness	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
International Journal of Intercultural Relations	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Management Reviews	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Managing Projects in Business	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
International Journal of Operations and Quantitative Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Production Research	A	Not considered to be in top 5-% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Project Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Public Sector Management	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
International Migration	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change

Journal of Asia Business Studies	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Asia Entrepreneurship and Sustainability	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Business and Psychology	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Business Ethics	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Business Logistics	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Developing Areas	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics	C	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Family Business Strategy	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Journal of Further and Higher Education	C	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Journal of Global Responsibility	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Health Services Research and Policy	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Journal of Health, Organization and Management	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Journal of Higher Education	B	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Journal of Industrial Relations	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of International Education in Business	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Leadership and Organizational Studies	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Journal of Management & Organization	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Journal of Management History	A	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to B	B
Journal of Management in Engineering	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Managerial Psychology	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Journal of Manufacturing Technology Management	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Journal of Mathematical Psychology	B	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Journal of Modelling in Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Occupational Health Psychology	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Journal of Service Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Small Business Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Social Psychology	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Journal of Strategy and Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Supply Chain Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Journal of Technology Transfer	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Journal of Workplace Learning	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change

Journal of World Business	A	Considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	A*
Labour & Industry	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Labour History: A Journal of Labour and Social History	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Leadership	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Local Government Studies	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Long Range Planning	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Manufacturing and Service Operations Management	A	Considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	A*
Multinational Business Review	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
New Technology, Work & Employment	A	Referred from 0806. Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A.	A
Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Organization & Environment	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Organizational Psychology Review	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Personnel Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Population, Space and Place	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Production and Operations Management	A	Considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	A*
Production Planning and Control	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Project Management Journal	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Psychological Methods	A	Does not pass substantive business element test	Remove
Public Administration Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Public Management Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Public Money & Management	A	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to B	B
Public Personnel Management	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Quality in Higher Education	C	Does not pass substantive business element test	Remove
Relations Industrielles/Industrial Relations	A	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to B	B
Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Review of International Business and Strategy	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Review of Public Personnel Administration	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Small Business Economics	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Social Enterprise Journal	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Social Psychological and Personality Science	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Socio-Economic Review	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
South Asian Journal of Human Resources Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change

Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Studies in Higher Education	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Supply Chain Management: An International Journal	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
Teaching in Higher Education	C	Does not pass substantive business element test	Remove
Technovation	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
The International Journal of Management Education	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
The Learning Organization	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Third Sector Review	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to C	C
Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Non-Profit Organizations	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Work, Employment and Society	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	No change
1503 — SUBMISSIONS TO DOWNGRADE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to C	C
Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition	A*	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to A	A
Journal of Vocational Education and Training	A	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to B	B
1503 — SUBMISSIONS TO CHANGE FoR CODE			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
International Journal of Operations and Production Management	A	Sufficient alignment to retain in 1503	1503
International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management	A	Sufficient alignment to retain in 1503	1503
International Journal of Public Sector Management	B	Sufficient alignment to retain in 1503	1503
1503 — PANEL INITIATED DECISIONS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Action Research International	A	Ceased operation	Remove
Advancing Women in Leadership	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
African Population Studies	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Alliance Journal of Business Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Asia-Pacific Journal of Operational Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Asia-Pacific Population Journal	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Asian Case Research Journal	C	Does not publish original research	Remove
Australasian Journal of Business and Social Inquiry	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Business Journal for Entrepreneurs	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Business, Peace and Sustainable Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove

Business Perspectives	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Contemporary Southeast Asia: A Journal of International and Strategic Affairs	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Conradi Research Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Contemporary Pacific	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Deakin Business Review	C	Ceased operation	Remove
Development Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
E-Business Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
E-Journal of Business Education and Scholarship of Teaching	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
E-Journal of Social and Behavioural Research in Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Electronic Journal of Business Research Methods	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
European Business Journal	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
European Journal of International Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
European Quality	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
European Spatial Research and Policy	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Global Governance	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Greener Management International	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
HR Focus	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Studies (Aust)	C	Ceased operation	Remove
International Review of Women and Leadership	C	Ceased operation	Remove
International Journal of Agile Management Systems	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Applied HRM	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Applied Management Science	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Applied Quality Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Applied Systemic Studies	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business and Emerging Markets	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business and Management Science	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Environment	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business and Globalisation	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Excellence	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Forecasting and Market Intelligence	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Governance and Ethics	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Innovation and Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove

International Journal of Business Performance Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Business Process Integration and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Chinese Culture and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of e-Business Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Electronic Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Emergency Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Entrepreneurship Education	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Environment, Workplace and Employment	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Environmental Technology and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Foresight and Innovation Policy	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Human Resources Development and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Indian Culture and Business Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Innovation and Learning	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Innovation and Technology Management	C	International Journal of Innovation and Technology Management	Remove
International Journal of Innovation Management	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Integrated Supply Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Intelligent Enterprise	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Intercultural Information Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Inventory Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Learning and Change	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Learning and Intellectual Capital	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Logistics Systems and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Management and Decision Making	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Management and Enterprise Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Management Concepts and Philosophy	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Management Practice	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Manufacturing System Design	C	International Journal of Manufacturing System Design	Remove
International Journal of Manufacturing Technology and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove

International Journal of Networking and Virtual Organisations	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Operational Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Organisational Behaviour	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Organizational Innovation	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Organizational Theory and Behavior	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Process Management and Benchmarking	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Procurement Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Product Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Product Lifecycle Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Production Economics	A*	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	A
International Journal of Productivity and Quality Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Project Organisation and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Public Sector Performance Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Services and Operations Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Services Operations and Informatics	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Services Science	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Services Technology and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Services, Economics and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Simulation and Process Modelling	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Six Sigma and Competitive Advantage	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Strategic Business Alliances	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Strategic Change Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Strategic Decision Sciences	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Sustainable Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Sustainable Strategic Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Technoentrepreneurship	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Technology and Globalization	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Technology Intelligence and Planning	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Technology Policy and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Technology Transfer and Commercialisation	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Journal of Value Chain Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
International Technology Management Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Italian Journal of Regional Science	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove

Journal for Global Business Advancement	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal for International Business and Entrepreneurship Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Administration and Governance	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Business	A*	Ceased operation in 2006	Remove
Journal of Business and Leadership	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Business and Public Affairs	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Business Ethics Education	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Business Systems, Governance and Ethics	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Collective Negotiations	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Corporate Citizenship	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Enterprising Culture	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of European Business Education	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Journal of Futures Studies	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Global Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Global Business Issues	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Human Resources and Adult Learning	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Institutional Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of International Business Education	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of International Business Strategy	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Internet Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Management Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Organizational Business Education	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Journal of Research Practice	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Keeping Good Companies	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Labour and Management in Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Management Case Study Journal	C	Does not publish original research	Remove
Management Quarterly	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Management Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Mind and Society	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove

Monash Business Review	C	Ceased operation	Remove
Mt Eliza Business Review	C	Ceased operation	Remove
New Zealand Journal of Applied Business Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
North South Business Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Omega	A*	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1503 on indicators	A
Operations Management Education Review	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
OR Insight	C	Ceased operation	Remove
Oxford Journal	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
People and Place	B	Ceased operation	Remove
People Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Perceptual and Motor Skills	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Population Trends	C	Ceased operation	Remove
Problems and Perspectives in Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Public Manager	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Research and Practice in Human Resource Management	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
SAM Advanced Management Journal	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Social Policy Journal of New Zealand: Te Puna Whakaaro	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Social Research: An International Quarterly of the Social Sciences	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Socioanalysis Journal	B	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
Socio-economic History	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Singapore Management Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Southern Business Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
The Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS)	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
The Journal of Current Research in Global Business	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
Transnational Corporations	B	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
University of Auckland Business Review	C	Ceased operation	Remove
Work Organisation, Labour and Globalisation	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
World Review of Entrepreneurship, Management and Sustainable Development	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove
WSEAS Transactions on Business and Economics	C	Does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion	Remove

1504 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL			
Title	Requested Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Communication & Sport	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
Cultural Trends	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1505 for outcome	Refer 1505
Journal of Applied Sport Management	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Global Sport Management	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Marketing Analytics	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1505 for outcome	Refer 1505
Journal of Sport for Development	A*	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B
1504 — SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Australian Journal of Volunteering	B	Ceased operation	Remove
1504 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Annals of Leisure Research	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
European Sport Management Quarterly	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Habitat International	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1504 on indicators	No change
Hospitality & Society	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1504 on indicators	No change
International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of European Real Estate Research	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Property Research	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1504 on indicators	No change
Journal of Real Estate Research	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Pacific Rim Property Research Journal	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, Media and the Arts	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1504 on indicators	No change
Property Management	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Sport, Business and Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Sport Management Review	A	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to B	B (Note: retained as A after consultation between Steering Group and Panel chair)
1504 — SUBMISSIONS TO CHANGE FoR CODE			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics	A	Sufficient alignment to retain in 1504	1504

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Every journal for which a submission was received was randomly assigned to two of the four committee members. If the random assignment created a conflict of interest, the journal was reassigned to another committee member. The two committee members independently evaluated the justification submitted for the requested change and quantitative and qualitative indicators of journal quality. They submitted their recommendation in advance of the full committee meeting to enable the committee to determine the number of agreements and disagreements among the lead committee members. One committee member checked that journals submitted for inclusion did not appear to be predatory.

At the meeting, the full committee deliberated until a final recommendation was reached in view of both the journal submission and the relative standing and development of this journal in the field. The committee assessed journal quality on the basis of both qualitative insight and quantitative criteria. In terms of quantitative criteria, the committee considered a wide range of indicators to ensure that the weaknesses of each of them would not unreasonably influence the final recommendation. Committee members who had a real or perceived conflict of interest declared their conflicts and, in cases where the conflict was real, abstained from discussions.

After the discussion of each individual journal was complete, the committee looked at the overall ranking to check that the List as a whole was consistent in terms of relative positioning of journals.

1505 — RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Current ABDC Ranking	JUSTIFICATION	2019 Recommendation
British Food Journal	Emerald Group Publishing	0007-070X	1758-4108	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B — NEW
Communication Research and Practice	Taylor & Francis Online	2204-1451	2206-3374	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C — NEW
International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing	Emerald Group Publishing	1750-6123	1750-6131	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C — NEW
International Journal of Strategic Communication	Taylor & Francis Online	1553-118X	1553-1198	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B — NEW
Journal of the Association for Consumer Research	University of Chicago Press	2378-1815	2378-1823	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B — NEW
Journal of Marketing Analytics	Palgrave Macmillan	2050-3318	2050-3326	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C — NEW
Service Business	Springer International Publishing	1862-8516	1862-8508	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B — NEW
Journal of Public Relations Education	AEJMC	2573-1742		N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C — NEW

1505 — RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Current ABDC Ranking	JUSTIFICATION	2019 Recommendation
Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics	Emerald Group Publishing	1355-5855	1758-4248	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Australasian Marketing Journal	Elsevier	1441-3582	1839-3349	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
International Journal of Advertising	Taylor & Francis Online	0265-0487	1759-3948	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
International Journal of Bank Marketing	Emerald Group Publishing	0265-2323	1758-5937	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
International Journal of Market Research	Sage Publications	1470-7853	2515-2173	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A

International Journal of Retail & Distribution Management	Emerald Group Publishing	0959-0552	1758-6690	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Consumer Behaviour	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1472-0817	1479-1838	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Consumer Marketing	Emerald Group Publishing	0736-3761	2052-1200	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Personal Selling & Sales Management	Taylor & Francis Online	0885-3134	1557-7813	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Product & Brand Management	Emerald Group Publishing	1061-0421	2054-1643	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Consumer Psychology	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1057-7408	1532-7663	A	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A* ranking	A*
Academy of Marketing Studies Journal	Jordan Whitney Enterprises, Inc	1095-6298	1528-2678	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
International Journal of Emerging Markets	Emerald Group Publishing	1746-8809	1746-8817	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
International Journal of Quality and Service Sciences	Emerald Group Publishing	1756-669X	1756-6703	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
International Review on Public and Nonprofit Marketing	Springer International Publishing	1865-1984	1865-1992	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Current Issues and Research in Advertising	Taylor & Francis Online	1064-1734	2164-7313	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Food Products Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	1045-4446	1540-4102	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Global Fashion Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	2093-2685	2325-4483	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Global Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	0891-1762	1528-6975	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Global Scholars of Marketing Science	Taylor & Francis Online	2163-9159	2163-9167	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Historical Research in Marketing	Emerald Group Publishing	1755-750X	1755-7518	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of International Consumer Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	0896-1530	1528-7068	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of International Food and Agribusiness Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	0897-4438	1528-6983	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B

Journal of Islamic Marketing	Emerald Group Publishing	1759-0833	1759-0841	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Marketing Channels	Taylor & Francis Online	1046-669X	1540-7039	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Marketing for Higher Education	Taylor & Francis Online	0884-1241	1540-7144	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Political Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	1537-7857	1537-7865	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Relationship Marketing	Taylor & Francis Online	1533-2667	1533-2675	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Research in Interactive Marketing	Emerald Group Publishing	2040-7122	2040-7130	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Research in Marketing and Entrepreneurship	Emerald Group Publishing	1471-5201	1471-521X	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Public Relations Inquiry	Sage Publications	2046-147X	2046-1488	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Social Marketing Quarterly	Sage Publications	1524-5004	1539-4093	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B

1506 — RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Current ABDC Ranking	JUSTIFICATION	2019 Recommendation
Journal of Destination Marketing & Management	Elsevier	2212-571X	2212-5752	N/A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
International Journal of Spa and Wellness	Taylor & Francis Online	2472-1735	2472-1743	N/A	Meets quality threshold for new inclusion at C ranking	C
International Journal of Tourism Sciences	Taylor & Francis Online	1598-0634	2377-0058	N/A	Meets quality threshold for new inclusion at C ranking	C
1506 — RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Current ABDC Ranking	JUSTIFICATION	2019 Recommendation
Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research	Taylor & Francis Online	1094-1665	1741-6507	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Elsevier	1447-6770	1839-5260	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism	Taylor & Francis Online	1502-2250	1502-2269	B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Tourism Management Perspectives	Elsevier	2211-9736		B	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to A ranking	A
Journal of Hospitality, Leisure, Sport & Tourism Education	Elsevier		1473-8376	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Teaching in Travel & Tourism	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1531-3220	1531-3239	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change	Taylor & Francis Online	1476-6825	1747-7654	C	Meets quality threshold for upgrade to B ranking	B
1506 — OTHER						
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	Current ABDC Ranking	JUSTIFICATION	2019 Recommendation
Journal of Cleaner Production	Elsevier	0959-6526	1879-1786		Out of FoR code scope	Do not include in FoR 1506
Journal of Marketing Development and Competitiveness					Out of FoR code scope	Do not include in FoR 1506
Tourism Alleviating Poverty through Small Medium Tourist Enterprise in Mauritius					This is not a journal submission, it is a funding application	Do not include in FoR 1506

1507 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL			
Title	Requested Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Journal of Transportation Security	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B	B
Maritime Policy and Management	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B	B
1507 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Journal of Air Transport Management	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	No change
Journal of Transport and Health	C	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to B	B
Transport Policy	B	Sufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	A
Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies	A	Considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1507 on indicators	A*
1507 — SUBMISSIONS TO DOWNGRADE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Transportation Letters	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for downgrade to C	B

1599 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL			
Title	Requested Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision Outcome
African Journal of Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
American Economic & Social Review	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
American International Journal of Education and Linguistics Research	C	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
American International Journal of Multidisciplinary Scientific Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
American International Journal of Sciences and Engineering Research	C	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
American International Journal of Social Science Research	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Applied Energy	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Biannual Research Journal Grassroots	A	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
British Food Journal	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1505 for outcome	Refer 1505
Communication Research and Practice	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1505 for outcome	Refer 1505
Computational Optimisation and Applications	A	Does not meet substantive business element case	Do not add
Emerald Emerging Markets Case Studies	C	Does not publish original research	Do not add
Energy	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Environment and Urbanization Asia	C	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions	A*	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at B ranking	B

Foresight	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Global Journal of Business Disciplines	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Global Journal of Business Pedagogy	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management	A*/A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1503 for outcome	Refer 1503
International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
International Journal of Energy Sector Management	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Journal of Business Diversity	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Journal of Cleaner Production	A*/A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1503 for outcome	Refer 1503
Journal of Global Business Insights	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Journal of Transportation Security	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1507 for outcome	Refer 1507
Management of Environmental Quality	B	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at C ranking	C
Natural Hazards Review	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Nature Climate Change	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Political Psychology	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Politics and Gender	A	Meets quality threshold for inclusion at A ranking	A
Resources Conservation and Recycling	A	Does not meet substantive business element test	Do not add
Rutgers Business Review	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1503 for outcome	Refer 1503
Safety Science	A*/A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1503 for outcome	Refer 1503
Service Business	A	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1503 for outcome	Refer 1503
South Asian Survey	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
Sustainability	A	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
The Journal of Leadership, Accountability and Ethics	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion	Do not add
1599 — SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Journal of Interdisciplinary History	C	Does not meet substantive business element test	Remove
1599 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNALS			
Title	Current Rating	Reviewer Comments	Decision/ Outcome
Agribusiness: An International Journal	B	Out of FoR code scope — refer to 1402 for outcome	Refer 1402
Australasian Journal of Regional Studies	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change
Energy Policy	A	Not considered to be in top 5-7% of journals in 1599 on indicators	No change
Political Studies	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for upgrade to A	No change

Business and Taxation Law

Final journal rankings are the outcome of multiple reviews across a number of months. Full consideration was given to all submissions and the Panel wishes to acknowledge the high quality contributions made by so many in this respect. Panel members brought collective research specialisations across Business and Tax Law fields, as well as across a broad range of methodologies. Prior to full Panel deliberations, comprehensive primary and secondary reviews of all nominated journals were completed. Journals raising complex content and/or equivalency issues with comparative publications were then further reviewed with relevant advice from experts and/or journal editors sought as appropriate.

Key variables in assessment included (in non-prioritised order):

1. Submission quality, content and relevance
2. Ratings assigned in prior rankings exercises
3. Salient qualitative and quantitative factors (including editorial boards, history, contributors)
4. Comparator equivalents
5. Full content indexes for up to the last ten years and substantive article analysis and
6. Relevance to the 180105/180125 FoRs.

In line with ABDC criteria, emphasis was placed on incremental change from prior rankings along with recognition of excellence and relevance beyond regional boundaries. Unique challenges inherent in these fields, as reflected more broadly in reports and studies from the Council of Australian Law Deans and international peer equivalents, were considered by the Panel with particular reference to the evolving contributions of metric based assessment. As a bottom line, the Panel sought to recognise long-standing reputations for excellence in scholarly leadership while also being sensitive to the innovation and diversity that newer journals bring to these fields.

1801 — SUBMISSIONS TO ADD A NEW JOURNAL							
Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	FoR	Requested Rating	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
Alternative Law Journal	Sage Publications	1037-969X	2398-9084	180105	A	Strong recommendations and support for this journal are accepted by the Panel as to its position and an specialty leader within the 180125 tax policy code. Based on the quality content, editor, authors and special edition features, the Panel accept there is sufficient evidence to warrant an upgrade to A*	B
Asian Journal of Law and Society	Cambridge University Press	2052-9015	2052-9023	180105	A	Out of scope, does not meet relevant business threshold test	Do not add
Business and Human Rights Journal	Cambridge University Press	2057-0198	2057-0201	180105	A	Sufficient evidence and data to support inclusion at C ranking	C
Charity Law and Practice Review	Key Haven Publications	0966-4041		180105	A	Sufficient evidence and data to support inclusion at B ranking	B
Computer Law & Security Review	Elsevier	0267-3649	1873-6734	180105	A	A new journal entry with recommended ranking of B as against peer equivalents. Covers a wide range of code relevant topics (in an increasingly important area) with a strong international editorial board and direct pacific rim and international content	B
International Data Privacy Law	Oxford University Press	2044-4001	2044-3994	180105	A	Sufficient evidence and data to support inclusion at C ranking	C

Journal of Empirical Legal Studies	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1740-1453	1740-1461	180105	A*/A	A new entry to the List, the journal has strong evidence and data to merit ranking at A*	A*
Journal of Legal, Ethical and Regulatory Issues	Allied Business Academies	1544-0036	1544-0044	180105	A*		Not valid
Law and Human Behavior	APA Publishing	0147-7307	1573-661X	180105	A*	Out of scope, does not meet relevant business threshold test	Do not add
New Zealand Yearbook of International Law	University of Canterbury	1176-6417		180105	B	The Panel noted the strengths of this journal and recommends it is newly ranked at C. This ranking is in line with similar peer equivalent journals	C
South African Law Journal	HeinOnline / Juta Law	0258-2503	1996-2177	180105	A*	Do not include. No supporting documentation provided and limited metrics available. Needs more evidence to support inclusion, though clearly potential for inclusion in future	Do not add
TAXES — The Tax Magazine	Wolters Kluwer			180125	A*/B	Lacks scholarly content, heavily based on practitioner content and case notes. Not refereed	Do not add
The Journal of World Intellectual Property	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1422-2213	1747-1796	180125	A	Sufficient evidence and data to support inclusion at C ranking	C

1801 — SUBMISSIONS TO UPGRADE JOURNAL							
Journal Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	FoR	ABDC Rating 2016	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
International & Comparative Law Quarterly	Cambridge University Press	0020-5893	1471-6895	180105	A	A long standing leader with consistent impact and metrics across many decades, this journal is accepted as having appropriate evidence and support to be ranked at A*	A*
The Sydney Law Review	Sydney Law School	0082-0512		180105	A	Aligned with comments and submissions with the Melbourne University Law Review, content, metrics and consistency over multiple decades in leadership merit A* recognition	A*
Federal Law Review	Australian National University	0067-205X		180105	A*	As identified in UNSW submissions, this journal has a profile in line with that of other leading Australian law journals (including UNSW, Monash). Upon review of relevant content, metrics and incremental downward change since original rankings, it is recommended the journal be notified of likely reclassification to A in the next ranking rounds but remain at A* in the interval. The Panel agreed that this journal will remain at A* but is likely to need adjustment to rank with peers	No change

American Business Law Journal	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0002-7766	1744-1714	180105	B	Incremental improvement in profile (data, content, metrics) since 2013 to support reclassification to A ranking	A
American Journal of Comparative Law	Oxford University Press	0002-919X	2326-9197	180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research	American Accounting Association	1543-866X		180125	C	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Bulletin for International Taxation	International Bureau of Fiscal Determination	1819-5490	2352-9202	180125	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Environmental and Planning Law Journal	Thomson Reuters	0813-300X		180105	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
International Review of Law, Computers and Technology	Taylor & Francis Online	1360-0869	1364-6885	180105	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Intertax: International Tax Review	Kluwer Law International	0165-2826	1875-8347	180125	C	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Journal of Corporate Law Studies	Taylor & Francis Online	1473-5970	1757-8426	180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Journal of Law and Society	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	0263-323X	1467-6478	180105	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Law and Financial Markets Review	Taylor & Francis Online	1752-1440	1752-1459	180105	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Melbourne Journal of International Law	The University of Melbourne	1444-8602	1444-8610	180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Otago Law Review	University of Otago	0078-6918		180125	C	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change

Real Estate Taxation	Thomson Reuters	1538-3792		180125	C	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Regulation and Governance	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing		1748-5991	180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
University of New South Wales Law Journal	University of New South Wales	0313-0096		180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
University of Western Australia Law Review	The University of Western Australia	0042-0328		180105	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
World Tax Journal	International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation	1878-4917		180125	B	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Competition and Consumer Law Journal	LexisNexis	1039-5598		180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Tax Notes	Tax Analysts and Advocates, Washington, D.C.	0270-5494		180125	C	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade Not an academic journal and unable to properly verify peer process/rejection rate/ editorial board etc as informed by Assistant Acquisitions Editor that most of this information cannot be shared due to company policy and “This is not an academic journal, but instead a tax magazine publication. It is printed daily and weekly with news, analysis, and commentary for tax professionals, by tax professionals”	No change

Journal of International Economic Law	Oxford University Press	1369-3034	1464-3758	180105	A	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade, has remained stable	No change
Journal of Financial Regulation and Compliance	Emerald Group Publishing	1358-1988	1740-0279	180105	C	Lacks sufficient evidence or incremental data to support an upgrade. The Panel noted that journal does have good trajectory so may merit upgrade if this continues in next round	No change
Canterbury Law Review	University of Canterbury	0112-0581		180105	B	Lacks sufficient incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Australian Journal of Corporate Law	LexisNexis	1037-4124		180105	A	Lacks sufficient incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Australian Tax Review	Thomson Reuters	0311-094X		180125	A	Lacks sufficient incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
King's Law Journal	Taylor & Francis Online	0961-5768	1757-8442	180105	B	Lacks sufficient incremental data to support an upgrade	No change
Enterprise Governance eJournal	Bond Faculty of Law	2651-9615		180105	C	Name change. This form has been used to submit a change of name and platform for the journal. The title has changed from Corporate Governance eJournal to Enterprise Governance eJournal. The journal is now on the Scholastica platform at: https://ejej.scholasticahq.com/ The journal is now on the Scholastica platform at: https://ejej.scholasticahq.com/	No change
World Journal of VAT/GST	Hart Publishing	2048-8432	2048-8440	180125	C	No change — to cease publication end 2019	No change

Cornell Law Review	Cornell Law School	0010-8847		180105	A*	No evidence for downgrade	No change
Harvard Law Review	Harvard University Press	0017-811X	2161-976X	180105	A*	No evidence for downgrade	No change
European Journal of International Law	Oxford University Press	0938-5428	1464-3596	180105	A	Recognised as a global leader but recent metrics do not support an upgrade	No change
Australian Tax Forum	Tax Institute	0812-695X		180125	A	Strong recommendations and support for this journal are accepted by the Panel as to its position and an specialty leader within the 180125 tax policy code. Based on the quality content, editor, authors and special edition features, the Panel accept there is sufficient evidence to warrant an upgrade to A*	A*
Melbourne University Law Review	Melbourne University Law Review Association	0025-8938	1839-3810	180105	A	Submissions which recognised MULR as an A* leading journal with both domestic and international impact are accepted based on supporting metrics, content and an historical record of long standing consistency of excellence	A*
Journal of Financial Crime	Emerald Group Publishing	1359-0790	1758-7239	180105	C	Sufficient evidence and incremental change to support an upgrade submission as against peer equivalents in this area	B

1801 — SUBMISSIONS TO DOWNGRADE JOURNAL							
Journal Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	FoR	ABDC Ranking 2016	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
New Zealand Business Law Quarterly	The University of Auckland	1173-311X		180105	A	As against peer journals and based on recent metric performance and Panel assessment, this journal is appropriately reclassified at B ranking. It is noted that this outcome similarly brings it back into line more closely with original metric rankings as against NZ and other Australasian peers	B
Journal of Contract Law	LexisNexis	1030-7230		180105	A*	As per submission recommendations, this journal is clustered in performance and impact with A peer equivalents. A marked incremental downward change in its impact and overall ranking strength both since its original 2010 listings and in the last several as evidenced. A high quality journal and an Australian leader in its specialty area, a reclassification downgrade to A is appropriate	A

Torts Law Journal	LexisNexis	1038-5967		180105	A*	Incremental downward change in overall strength as against peer equivalents since original rankings with particular indicators of such in the last several years (notably as within the same metric rankings chronology). As per submission recommendations, reclassification as an A journal accepted	A
1801 — JOURNALS TO BE REMOVED							
Journal Title	Publisher	ISSN	ISSN Online	FoR	ABDC Ranking 2016	Reasons/Comments	Decision/Outcome
Commercial Law Journal	Thomson Reuters	1833-9506		180105	A*	No longer in publication	Remove
American Journal of International Law	American Society of International Law	0002-9300	0272-5037	180105	A*	Removed for lack of nexus, being more public law oriented	Remove

Appendix 2

Terms of Reference

2019 ABDC Journal Ranking Panels' Terms of Reference and Milestones

The operation of Panels will be underpinned by four guiding principles:

- **The process will be transparent.** A key determinant of the credibility of a journal ranking list is the transparency of the process by which rankings are determined. Aspects of transparency relate to who makes the decisions and the method (broadly defined) by which decisions are made. As with previous reviews, Panels will be required to submit final reports of their deliberations and the rationale underlying recommendations to include new journals, re-rank existing journals, and delete journals from the List.
- **Recommendations and decisions will be consistent methodologically.** As per the ABDC's guidance approved in November 2018, the Panels will be informed by globally recognised and externally validated journal ranking lists, appropriate and select citations metrics and, if required, expert peer review.
- **The final Panel recommendations must be externally validated** by the ABDC Steering Group in consultation with an International Advisor appointed by the ABDC. The latter will comprise an academic not located in Australian and New Zealand universities.
- For the purpose of the 2019 review, **the 2016 interim List is accepted as a strong foundation on which to build.** Ratings assigned to journals in the 2016 List are widely regarded as having a high degree of credibility. Panel recommendations should therefore be **incremental in focus.** The review process should be used to enhance the credibility of the ABDC's Journal Ranking List and not undermine it. The operation of Panels will be informed by these four principles, and Panel Chairs will be expected to guide deliberations accordingly. With respect to more operational considerations:
 - Following the appointment of Panels, a public call for submissions will be made via the ABDC website. Submissions will be accepted through a special-purpose portal. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted, and all submissions will be considered on the strict condition they will be publicly available
 - Panels will be required to meet at least three times, with one of these meetings held face-to-face at a location to be determined by the Chair. The ABDC will fund the travel costs of Panel members attending from interstate and NZ
 - During their deliberations, each Panel will have access to a Research Assistant who can be tasked with requests pertaining to citation metrics. Tasking requests will be made by the Chair only
 - Chairs will provide their Panel's final journal ranking recommendations to the ABDC Steering Group, which will subsequently consult with the International Advisor. After a one-month period of public feedback on a draft revised Journal Quality List, the ABDC Steering Group will take responsibility for the Journal Quality List recommendations submitted to the ABDC for final approval

In addition to quality indicators, the key criteria for adding journals not included on the 2016 Interim Review List are that they contain a substantive business element. In the submission process, this will need to be evidenced by >50% of articles over three years written by business faculty, or >50% of articles over three years being of a business nature.

Ranking recommendations by Panels will be guided by the following percentage thresholds, which provide a numerical ceiling to impose discipline on judgements while at the same time ensuring a degree of consistency across the Panels in terms of outcomes:

- **A*:** the highest quality category, representing the top 5-7% of the journals assigned to an individual Field of Research
- **A:** the second highest quality category, representing the next 15-25% of the journals assigned to an individual Field of Research
- **B:** the third highest quality category, representing approximately the next 35-40% of the journals assigned to an individual Field of Research
- **C:** the fourth highest quality category, representing the remaining recognised quality journals assigned to an individual Field of Research
- **Unrated and unlisted journals:** There will be a range of relevant journals deemed not to reach the quality threshold level and therefore not included in the Final List. These will include predatory/illegitimate outlets. The timeline for the 2019 Journal ranking process will incorporate the following milestones:

Milestone 1: Appointment of Panel Chairs by end of February

Milestone 2: Finalise all Panel members by 29 March

Milestone 3: Digital architecture confirmed as fit for purpose no later than 27 April

Milestone 4: Call for public submissions opens 1 May and closes 31 May

Milestone 5: From 3 June, submissions are reviewed, and Panels deliberate, with recommendations on the draft List submitted to ABDC Steering Group no later than 31 August

Milestone 6: On 13 September ABDC releases draft Journal Ranking List with feedback to be submitted by 11 October

Milestone 7: Feedback considered by Panel Chairs (consulting with Panel members only if required) with recommendations provided to ABDC Steering Group no later than 11 November. Steering Group consults with International Advisor before submitting Final Draft List to ABDC for approval

Milestone 8: The recommendations are endorsed by the ABDC Executive

Milestone 9: Final Journal Ranking List to be released by the ABDC by 1 December 2019.

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