



Australian Business Deans Council 2022 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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Overview

The first ABDC Journal Quality List was released in 2008. In establishing a Journal Quality List, the ABDC sought to guide stakeholders — ABDC member business schools, and researchers in business-related disciplines in Australia and New Zealand — about quality outlets for research publication.

The 2022 review builds on previous reviews, with incremental changes made to the list. Overall, 23 titles have been added, 22 titles removed, and three separately listed journal titles consolidated into one.

As noted in the report accompanying the 2019 review, 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.

Journal list rankings over time

List	Total journals	A* %	A %	B %	C %
2010	2,671	5.5	19.5	27.6	47.4
2013	2,767	6.9	20.8	28.4	43.9
2016	2,777	6.9	21.1	29	42.8
2019	2,681	7.4	24.3	31.7	36.6
2022	2,680	7.4	24.4	31.9	36.2

Journal rankings by Field of Research (FoR)

FoR	Description	Total Journals	A* %	A %	B %	C %
3501	Accounting, auditing and accountability	156	8.3	19.2	30.8	41.7
3502	Banking, finance and investment	172	7.6	22.1	33.1	37.2
3503	Business systems in context	26	0	50	26.9	23.1
3504	Commercial services	95	3.7	19	37.9	40
3505	Human resources and industrial relations	110	4.6	30	38.2	27.3
3506	Marketing	157	7	24.2	40.1	28.7
3507	Strategy, management and organisational behaviour	376	11.2	29	27.1	32.7
3508	Tourism	69	5.8	23.2	36.2	34.8
3509	Transportation, logistics and supply chains	82	9.8	24.3	34.2	31.7
3599	Other commerce, management, tourism and services	188	5.9	36.2	35.6	22.3
3801	Applied economics	522	7.3	18.2	33.3	41.2
3802	Econometrics	32	21.9	21.9	21.9	34.4
3803	Economic theory	32	15.6	25	31.3	28.1
3899	Other economics	99	0	5.1	26.3	68.7
4609	Information systems	180	7.8	23.3	28.3	40.6
4801	Commercial law	299	6	27.8	28.8	37.5
4905	Statistics	85	8.2	36.5	29.4	25.9

Method and approach

In 2021 the ABDC invited stakeholder submissions as part of a review of the frequency, methodology, and scope of ABDC Journal Quality List reviews. One recommendation of the review was that:

The ABDC should address field of research code changes through a partial review in 2022. This review will also (like the 2013 and 2016 partial reviews) focus on the inclusion of new journals; removal of very low quality (including potentially predatory) journals; and correction of any factual errors. The next comprehensive rankings review should be undertaken in 2024.

In accordance with this recommendation the ABDC released Terms of Reference for a partial review of the JQL, which were endorsed by the ABDC Executive Committee in July 2022 (see Appendix).

Due to the light-touch, partial nature of the review task, only Panel Chairs were officially appointed. The Panel Chairs were encouraged to engage expert opinion as deemed appropriate.

In accordance with the methodology, the following Panel Chairs were appointed after a formal Expression of Interest process:

Panel name	Panel chair	2019 FoRs	2022 FoRs
Accounting	Professor Mark Wilson, ANU	1501	3501
Business and taxation law	Professor Michael Walpole, UNSW	180105 and 180125	4801
Economics and statistics	Professor James Morley, University of Sydney	0104 and 1401–1499	3801, 3802, 3803, 3899, 4905
Finance including actuarial studies	Professor Yulia Merkoulouva, Monash University	1502	3502
Information systems	Professor Julia Kotlarsky, University of Auckland	0806	4609, 4610
Management, commercial services, transport, and logistics	Professor Jon Billsberry, University of Wollongong	1503, 1504, 1507, 1599	3503, 3504, 3505, 3507, 3509, 3599
Marketing and tourism	Professor Sara Dolnicar, University of Queensland	1505, 1506	3506, 3508

The ABDC opened an online submission process in September 2022. Submissions were invited from the following stakeholder groups:

- a. An ANZ business school or faculty deemed to have a legitimate interest in the disciplines covered by the ABDC JQL.
- b. A relevant peak body representing ANZ academics.
- c. An individual or group of like-minded academics with formal affiliation/s to universities based in ANZ.

Submissions received outside these stakeholder groups were not considered.

In December the ABDC released a report of draft recommendations for changes to the ABDC JQL. Stakeholders were invited to provide comment on the recommendations.

In response to eligible feedback received on the draft recommendations, the following amendments were recommended by the Panel Chairs:

- *FII Business Review* — include as C in 3507
- *Global Business and Organizational Excellence* — include as C in 3507
- *International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation* — remove
- *Journal of Contemporary Issues in Business and Government* — remove
- *Management Teaching Review* — include as C in 3507

The ABDC JQL Steering Group, comprising Australian and International advisors, reviewed the draft recommendations, and provided written reports on the 2022 ABDC JQL. Their task was to review the recommendations and identify any anomalies considering rankings across the list. The steering group took responsibility for the Journal Quality List recommendations submitted to the ABDC for final approval.

On 2 March 2023, the ABDC Executive endorsed the 2022 Journal Quality List for release on 15 March 2023.

FoR code changes

The Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification was reviewed in 2019, with new FoR classifications released in 2020. The ABDC agreed to address these changes through the 2022 ABDC JQL Review. FoR codes are assigned on a ‘best fit’ basis, noting that many journals publish research across several FoR codes. To draw on an example given in the terms of reference, while the journal *Accounting and Finance* is highly relevant to both 3501 Accounting and 3502 Finance; the Accounting Panel is deemed the custodian of this journal.

FoR codes were updated in accordance with the mapping below. In most cases the changes were straightforward (e.g., journals previously 1501 were updated to 3501, 1505 journals were updated to 3506, 1402 journals updated to 3801, etc), with law journals (previously 180105 and 180125) merged into a single code, 4801, and the sizeable 1503 code updated across new codes, 3503, 3505, and 3507.

2019 FoR	Description	2022 FoR	Description
0104	Statistics	4905	Statistics
0806	Information systems	4609	Information systems
1401	Economic theory	3803	Economic theory
1402	Applied economics	3801	Applied economics
1403	Econometrics	3802	Econometrics
1499	Other economics	3899	Other economics
1501	Accounting, auditing and accountability	3501	Accounting, auditing and accountability
1502	Banking, finance and investment	3502	Banking, finance and investment

2019 FoR	Description	2022 FoR	Description
1503	Business and management	3503	Business systems in context
		3505	Human resources and industrial relations
		3507	Strategy, management and organisational behaviour
1504	Commercial services	3504	Commercial services
1505	Marketing	3506	Marketing
1506	Tourism	3508	Tourism
1507	Transportation and freight services	3509	Transportation, logistics and supply chains
1599	Other	3599	Other commerce, management, tourism and services
180105	Commercial and contract law	4801	Commercial law
180125	Taxation law		

Recommendations

Accounting

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal	Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies	1096-3685		N/A	Does not meet quality threshold. Charges exorbitant article processing fee.	Remove
Indian Journal of Finance and Banking	Centre for Research on Islamic Banking & Finance and Business (CRIBFB)	2574-6081	2574-609X	N/A	Does not meet quality threshold.	Remove
International Journal of Accounting & Finance Review	CRIBFB	2576-1285	2576-1293	N/A	Does not meet quality threshold.	Remove
Journal of Accounting and Finance	North American Business Press	2158-3625		C	Journal does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Lahore Journal of Business	Lahore School of Economics	2223-0025	2791-3139	C	Not suitable for inclusion under this code as it is a general management and marketing journal.	Do not add

Business and taxation law

No substantive changes recommended.

Economics and statistics

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Applied Economic Analysis	Emerald Publishing	2632-7627		B	The journal is clearly Applied Economics and has sufficient quality, metrics, and editorial board to initially list as B.	Add as B in 3801
Chilean Journal of Statistics	Chilean Statistical Society	0718-7912	0718-7920	B	The journal is clearly of quality to be ranked. However, the limited impact in terms of metrics suggests it should initially be rated C and then adjusted as new information comes in.	Add as C in 4905
Economic Policy / Ekonomicheskaya Politika	ANO Editorial Office of the Journal Economic Policy	1994-5124	2411-2658	B	The journal publishes Economics content in both Russian and English. The quality is consistent with the metrics, which suggest it should be rated C.	Add as C in 3801
Evaluation Review	SAGE Journals	0193-841X	1552-3926	A		Refer to Management list

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Foreign Trade Review	SAGE Journals	0015-7325	0971-7625	B	The journal is multidisciplinary in business, but primarily Economics. The editorial board, recent article quality, and available metrics support adding as a B.	Add as B in 3801
IEEE Transactions on Power Systems	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	1558-0679	0885-8950	A*	Not a business or economics journal. Nominator notes SJR score, but SJR makes clear it is an Engineering journal. No evidence of economists on Editorial Board.	Do not add
Journal of Asian Business and Economic Studies	Emerald Publishing	2515-964X		B	The journal is multidisciplinary in business, but primarily Economics. The editorial board, recent article quality, and available metrics support adding as a B.	Add as B in 3801
Journal of Business Thought	Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce	2581-8104	2231-1734	C	This journal is interdisciplinary and has mostly business and economics content. It varies by issue whether it should be classified as Economics, Finance, or Management. However, there is enough Economics content and substantive Economics representation on the Editorial Board to justify inclusion in Economics. The Economics is more Applied Economics. The journal is peer reviewed and of sufficient quality to be listed, but the quality is comparable to other C journals. It should be rated as C in Applied Economics.	Add as C in 3801
Journal of Economics, Theology and Religion	Erasmus University Rotterdam	2772-9001		C	The journal is primarily Economics content and the editorial board and initial articles suggest it will be a relevant outlet for research on the economics of religion. The content touches on different elements of Applied Economics (Economic History, Labour Economics) and it fits best with 380199 (Applied economics not elsewhere classified).	Add as B in 3801
Millennial Asia: An International Journal of Asian Studies	SAGE Journals	0976-3996	2321-7081	B	The journal is multidisciplinary with substantive Economics content. The quality of articles and available metrics support adding as C and waiting to see if metrics improve to change rating.	Add as C in 3801
SocioEconomic Challenges	Sumy State University	2520-6621	2520-6214	C	This journal is interdisciplinary, but most linked to Economics and has substantive business content. The editorial board and quality of articles means it should be rated, but initially C as the quality looks like it may have relatively low impact. The articles look mostly applied (in Health Economics, Labour Economics, and Macroeconomics, amongst others) and not obviously linked to categories in 3899. Thus, it is a general journal and should be 3801.	Add as C in 3801

Finance including actuarial studies

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Australian Finance & Banking Review	CRIBFB	2576-1196	2576-120X	B	The journal does not meet the quality threshold required to be considered a quality peer-reviewed journal. In general, no citation data or any other supporting documents are provided with the submission.	Do not add
Journal of Asian Business and Economic Studies	Emerald Publishing	2515-964X		B	This appears to be a peer-reviewed journal with many attributes of a quality publication, such as reputable publisher, long history of publication, quality editorial board, and low acceptance rate. However, there is no obvious link between this journal and the field of finance.	Do not add Refer to Economics list
Lahore Journal of Business	Lahore School of Economics	2223-0025	2791-3139	C	Not suitable for inclusion under this code as it publishes limited finance content.	Do not add

Information systems

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Foundations and Trends in Information Systems	Now Publishers	2331-1231	2331-124X	C	This is a book and not a journal. Volumes of this book are published on a regular basis. Considering that this is not a regular journal, the panel does support adding the title to the list.	Do not add
Government Information Quarterly	Elsevier	0740-624X		A / A*	Considering the aims, focus, editorial board, topics published and various citation metrics for this journal and agree that this journal is relevant to Information Systems and can be added. In terms of ranking, the panel supports A ranking as evaluated by ACPHIS.	Add as A in 4609
International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation	IGI Global	1942-535X	1942-5368		Journal is inactive.	Remove
Journal of Innovation & Knowledge	Elsevier	2444-569X		A	The focus and scope of this journal do not mention Information Systems. In the panel's opinion this journal is not related to Information Systems.	Do not add Refer to Management list

Management

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Australian Journal of Communication	University of Queensland	0811-6202	0811-6202	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Australian Social Monitor	The University of Melbourne	1440-4842		N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Big Data & Society	SAGE Journals	2053-9517		A	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
Big Data Research	Elsevier	2214-5796		A	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
Business Ethics and Leadership	Sumy State University	2520-6761	2520-6311	C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Chartered Institute of Building: Construction Information Quarterly	Chartered Institute of Building	1469-4891		N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Colombo Business Journal: International Journal of Theory & Practice	Faculty of Management & Finance of the University of Colombo	2579-2210		C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Compensation and Benefits Review	SAGE Journals	0886-3687	1552-3837	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Energy Research & Social Science	Elsevier	2214-6296		A*	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
Energy: The International Journal	Elsevier	0360-5442		A	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
European Journal of International Management	Inderscience	1751-6757	1751-6765	C	Meets criteria for inclusion as a C-ranked journal.	Add as C in 3507
European Journal of Management Studies	Emerald	2183-4172	2635-2648	C	Meets criteria for inclusion as a C-ranked journal.	Add as C in 3507
Evaluation Review	SAGE Journals	0193-841X	1552-3926	A	Meets criteria for inclusion as an A-ranked journal.	Add as A in 3599
FIIB Business Review	SAGE Journals	2319-7145	2455-2658	C	Meets criteria for inclusion as a C-ranked journal.	Add as C in 3507
Global Business and Organizational Excellence	Wiley	1932-2062		B	Meets criteria for inclusion as a C-ranked journal.	Add as C in 3507
Global Journal of Business Disciplines	Institute for Global Business Research	2574-0369	2574-0377	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Global Journal of Business Pedagogy	Institute for Global Business Research	2574-0385	2574-0393	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Global Journal of Entrepreneurship	Institute for Global Business Research	2574-0415	2574-0423	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Global Journal of Flexible Systems Management	Springer Nature	0972-2696	0974-0198	A	Meets criteria for inclusion as an A-ranked journal.	Add as A in 3507

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Global Journal of Management and Marketing	Institute for Global Business Research	2574-044X	2574-0458	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Higher Education Research and Development	Taylor and Francis	0729-4360	1469-8366	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
IIMS Journal of Management Science	Indian Institute of Management Shillong, Meghalaya, India	0976-030X	0976-173X	C	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
International Employment Relations Review	International Employment Relations Association	1324-1125	1324-1125	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management	Emerald Publishing	1756-8692		A	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
International Journal of Lean Six Sigma	Emerald Publishing	2040-4166		B	Meets criteria for inclusion as a B-ranked journal.	Add as B in 3507
International Journal of Management and Systems	Technocrat Publications Centre, New Delhi	0970-7328		N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
International Journal of Management Perspectives	International Business & Tourism Society	1307-1629		N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
International Journal of Organizational Innovation (IJOI)	The International Association of Organizational Innovation (IAOI)	1943-1813		C	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
International Journal of Quality and Innovation	Inderscience	1756-6975	1756-6983	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
International Review of Industrial and Organizational Psychology	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing			N/A	Publication is inactive and a book not a journal.	Remove
IT and Society: An Online Journal	Taylor & Francis Online			N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Journal of Asian Business	University of Michigan	1068-0055	1068-0055	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Journal of Asian Business and Economic Studies	Emerald Publishing	2515-964X		B		Refer to Economics list
Journal of Big Data	Springer		2196-1115	A*	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
Journal of Business Diversity	North American Business Press	2158-3899		A	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Journal of Contemporary Administration / RAC. Revista de Administração Contemporânea	ANPAD — Associação Nacional de Pós Graduação e Pesquisa em Administração	1415-6555	1982-7849	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Journal of Contemporary Issues in Business and Government	Society of Business and Mangement	1323-6903	1323-6903	N/A	Journal does not meet quality threshold for continued inclusion.	Remove
Journal of Enterprising Culture	World Scientific	0218-4958	1793-6330	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Journal of Higher Education Theory & Practice	North American Business Press	2158-3595		A	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
Journal of Innovation & Knowledge	Elsevier	2444-569X		A	Meets criteria for inclusion as an A-ranked journal.	Add as A in 3507
Journal of International Business Policy	Palgrave Macmillan	2522-0691	2522-0705	A	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Journal of Management Systems	Association of Management	1041-2808		N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Journal of Organisational Transformation and Social Change	Taylor & Francis Online	1477-9633	2040-056X	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Journal of Personnel Psychology	Hogrefe Publishing	1866-5888	2190-5150	B	Meets criteria for inclusion as a B-ranked journal.	Add as B in 3505
Journal of Work-Applied Management	Emerald Publishing	2205-2062		B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Journal on Information Technology in Healthcare	Optimum, Surrey, UK		1479-649X	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Just Labor	York University	1705-1436	1705-1436	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Lahore Journal of Business	Lahore School of Economics	2223-0025	2791-3139	C		Do not add. Refer to Accounting and Finance lists
Management Review Quarterly	Springer	2198-1620	2198-1639	B	Meets criteria for inclusion as a B-ranked journal.	Add as B in 3507
Management Teaching Review	SAGE Journals	2379-2981	2379-2981	B	Meets criteria for inclusion as a C-ranked journal.	Add as C in 3507
Manager	Industry Qualifications	1746-1278		N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
Maritime Business Review	Emerald Publishing	2397-3757	2397-3765	B	Meets criteria for inclusion as a C-ranked journal.	Add as C in 3509
New Zealand Journal of Employment Relations	ER Publishing Ltd.	1176-4716	1179-2965	N/A	No evidence of the journal being predatory (or inactive) was found, but the journal may wish to address concerns about the representativeness of the editorial board, editorial team, and authors before the next review.	No action

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Personnel Assessment and Decisions	International Personnel Assessment Council (IPAC)	2377-8822		A	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Production and Inventory Management Journal	American Production & Inventory Control Society, Inc.	0897-8336	0897-8336	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
PSU Research Review: An International Interdisciplinary Journal	Emerald Publishing	2399-1747	2398-4007	B	Insufficient evidence of quality indicators required for inclusion.	Do not add
Quality Assurance in Education	Emerald Publishing	0968-4883	1758-7662	B	Does not meet substantive business element test.	Do not add
Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce	Information Age Pub.	1528-3526	1528-3526	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove
South Asian Journal of Business and Management Cases	SAGE Journals	2277-9779	2321-0303	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
Training and Management Development Methods	Emerald Publishing	0951-3507	0951-3507	N/A	Journal is inactive.	Remove

Marketing and tourism

Title	Publisher	ISSN	e-ISSN	Requested rating	Panel comment	Proposed change
Global Journal of Management and Marketing	Institute for Global Business Research	2574-044X	2574-0458	B	Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion.	Do not add
International Journal of Consumer Studies	Wiley-Blackwell Publishing	1470-6423	1470-6431	N/A	Insufficient grounds regarding predatory journal indicators to remove.	No action
New Zealand Journal of Employment Relations	ER Publishing Ltd	1176-4716	1179-2965	N/A	Insufficient grounds regarding predatory journal indicators to remove.	No action
Service Industries Journal	Taylor & Francis Online	0264-2069	1743-9507	N/A	Insufficient grounds regarding predatory journal indicators to remove.	No action
Spanish Journal of Marketing	Emerald Publishing	2444-9709		A	Meets criteria for inclusion as a B-ranked journal.	Add as B in 3506

Appendix

Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose of 2022 JQL review

The scope of the 2022 review will be confined to:

- inclusion of new relevant journals;
- exclusion of non-relevant journals;
- exclusion of likely predatory or overly aggressive journals;
- journal name changes.

Most notably, the 2022 review will not accommodate any re-rating of currently listed journals — such re-ratings will be the major focus of the next full review due in 2024–25. Submissions to the Panels that propose re-rating of journals will not be considered.

2. Guiding principles

As was the case in prior JQL reviews, the operation of the 2022 review will be underpinned by four guiding principles:

- **Transparency:** The process will be transparent. A key determinant of the credibility of a journal rating list is the transparency of the process by which journals are included/excluded and ratings 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 their recommendations.
- **Consistency:** Recommendations and decisions will be consistent methodologically: informed by globally recognised and externally validated journal ranking lists, appropriate and select citations metrics and, if/when required, expert peer review.
- **External validation:** The final recommendations by the Panels must be externally validated by the ABDC Steering Group in consultation with an International Advisor appointed by the ABDC. The latter will be an internationally recognised academic not formally affiliated in any Australian or New Zealand universities.
- **Stability:** For the purpose of the 2022 review, the 2019 List is accepted as a strong foundation. Panel recommendations should therefore be incremental in focus. Indeed, given the light touch nature of the 2022 review, there will only be marginal changes to the ABDC JQL.

3. Operational considerations

With respect to operational considerations:

- Due to the light nature of the review task, only Panel Chairs will be officially appointed. The Panel Chairs will be encouraged to engage expert opinion from experts as deemed appropriate.

- Following the appointment of Panel Chairs, a public call for submissions in relation to the four considerations that are the object of this review will be made, with submissions received via the ABDC website.
- Submissions will be accepted through a special-purpose ABDC hosted portal.
- Anonymous submissions will not be accepted, and all submissions will be considered on the strict condition that they will be publicly available.
- Each Panel Chair will have access to a Research Assistant who can be tasked with requests pertaining to citation metrics and other relevant activities, e.g. searches for evidence of being a predatory journal.
- There will be seven Panel Chairs aligned to the groupings used in the 2019 review. An indicative mapping of these seven panels into the new FoR codes is shown below:

Panel name	New FoR codes (indicative only)
Accounting	3501
Business and taxation law	4801
Economics	3801 3802 3803 3899 4905
Finance including actuarial studies	3502
Information systems	4609
Management; Commercial services; Transport and logistics	3503 3504 3505 3507 3509 3599
Marketing and tourism	3506 3508

It should be noted that the FoR codes are only provided as a guide to the scope of each Panel — given the stability criterion mentioned above, the sub-lists will be assigned as per the discipline delineation identified in the 2019 list. It should be noted that journals are assigned to a particular Panel in a custodian role, recognising that many journals service more than one FoR code. For example, while the journal Accounting and Finance is highly relevant to both 3501 Accounting and 3502 Finance; the Accounting Panel is deemed the custodian rater of this journal.

Panel Chairs will provide their final recommendations to the ABDC Steering Group, which will subsequently consult with the International Advisor. After a two-week period of public feedback on a draft revised JQL (early November 2022), 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 2019 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. Where a journal has been

in existence for < three years, the substantive business element test applies to the time of the journal's existence.

Panels' recommendations 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/or 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.

