

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SERIAL NUMBER (ISSN)

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# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SERIAL NUMBER (ISSN)

- ISSN is a worldwide identification code used by publishers, suppliers, libraries, information services, bar coding systems, union catalogues, etc. for citation and retrieval of serials such as Journals, Newspapers, Newsletters, Directories, Yearbooks, Annual Reports, Monograph series, etc.
- The benefits of having ISSN include international publicity and recognition of serials by automatic inclusion in the International Serials Directory Database.

# ISSN NATIONAL CENTRE IN INDIA

- The Indian ISSN Centre at the National Science Library, NISCAIR, New Delhi.
- It is responsible for assigning ISSNs to serials published in India. The Centre is also responsible for contributing Indian records to the world database of ISSN numbers, known as the ISSN Register, maintained by the ISSN International Centre in Paris.
- Since 1986, National Institute of Science Communication and information Resources (erstwhile INSDOC) has been designated as the National Centre for assigning ISSNs to serial publications published in India. The ISSN assigned periodicals are registered in the international database in Paris.



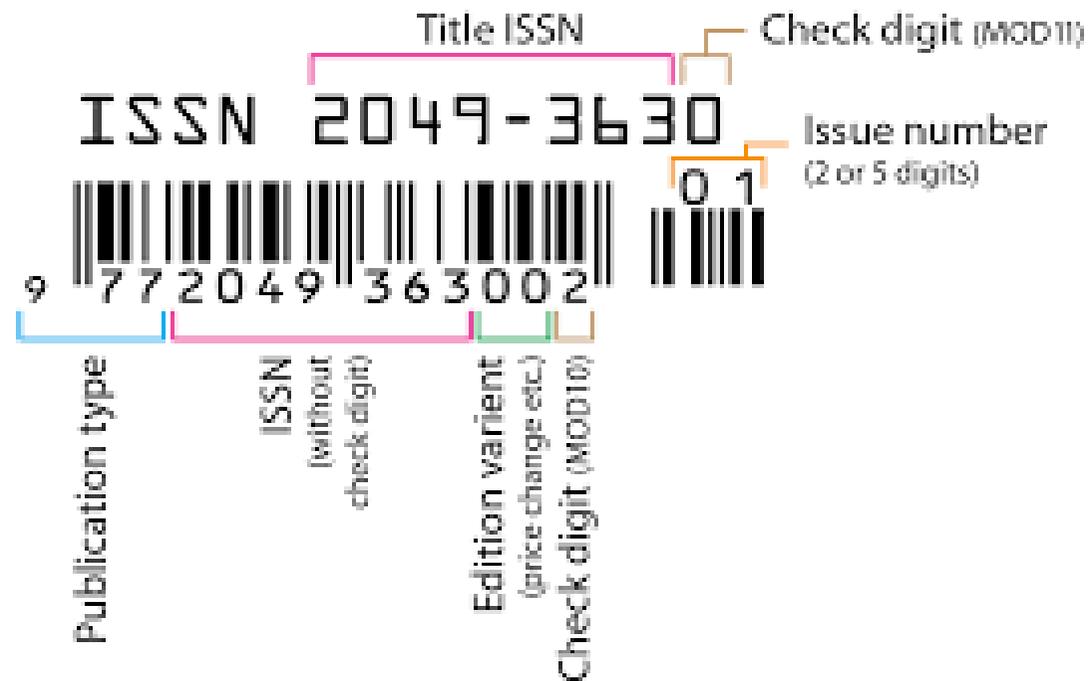
# PROCESS

- Online registration
- One hardcopy of Journal
- Check duplication
- Society and association
- Editorial committee
- Subject coverage
- Assign ISSN



# FORMAT

- The format of the ISSN is an eight-digit code, divided by a hyphen into two four-digit numbers.
- As an integer number, it can be represented by the first seven digits.
- The last code digit, which may be 0-9 or an X, is a check digit.



# INTERNATIONAL CODE ASSIGNMENT

- ISSN codes are assigned by a network of ISSN National Centres, usually located at national libraries and coordinated by the **ISSN International Centre** based in Paris. The International Centre is an intergovernmental organization created in 1974 through an agreement between UNESCO and the French government.



# REGISTER

- The International Centre maintains a database of all ISSNs assigned worldwide, the *ISDS Register* (International Serials Data System), otherwise known as the *ISSN Register*.



# ISSN IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

- The print version of a serial typically will include the ISSN code as part of the publication information.
- Most serial websites contain ISSN code information.
- Derivative lists of publications will often contain ISSN codes; these can be found through on-line searches with the ISSN code itself or serial title.
- WorldCat permits searching its catalog by ISSN, by entering "issn:" before the code in the query field. One can also go directly to an ISSN's record by appending it to "https://www.worldcat.org/ISSN/", e.g. <https://www.worldcat.org/ISSN/1021-9749>. This does not query the ISSN Register itself, but rather shows whether any Worldcat library holds an item with the given ISSN.

# ADVANTAGES

- Authenticity
- Reliable
- Expose scholarly communication
- Increase citation
- Include in various databases
- Help in promotion
- Promote research and development



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