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## INTRODUCTION

*Accounting Horizons* is one of three association-wide journals published by the American Accounting Association (AAA). This journal seeks to bridge academic and professional audiences with articles that focus on accounting, broadly defined, and that provide insights pertinent to the accounting profession. The contents of *Accounting Horizons*, therefore, should interest researchers, educators, practitioners, regulators, and students of accounting. Accordingly, papers submitted for publication must address subjects that appeal to these readers and must be written in a style that communicates effectively across these diverse groups. Because of the broad focus of this journal, the scope of acceptable manuscripts is also broad. Papers may deal with any aspect of accounting, including—but not limited to—the following topics:

- Accounting ethics
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## SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE LEVELS

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *Accounting Horizons* for the period from 2015 to 2019.

**TABLE 1**  
Annual Activity Summary—For the Calendar Year

Year	Manuscripts In-Process, Beginning of Year	New Submissions Received	Resubmissions Received	Manuscripts Available for Evaluation	Decision Letters Sent	Manuscripts In-Process, End of Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c) = (d)	(e)	(d)–(e) = (f)
2019	73	222	110	405	321	84
2018	74	174	118	366	293	73
2017	56	197	103	356	282	74
2016	43	197	100	340	284	56
2015	53	155	108	316	273	43

- (a) Includes submissions in the editor's hands, but excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions in authors' hands.  
 (b) New manuscripts, excluding resubmissions.  
 (c) Resubmissions of previous revise and resubmit editor decisions.  
 (d) Evaluation means all actions by referees, associate editor, and/or editor are complete and the manuscript has been returned to the authors.  
 (e) Manuscripts processed with a decision returned to the author, including manuscripts returned by the editor without involving referees.  
 (f) Submissions where a decision has not yet been sent to the author (note that in-process excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions that are now in the authors' hands).

Table 2 shows acceptance and rejection rates for the period from 2015 to 2019.

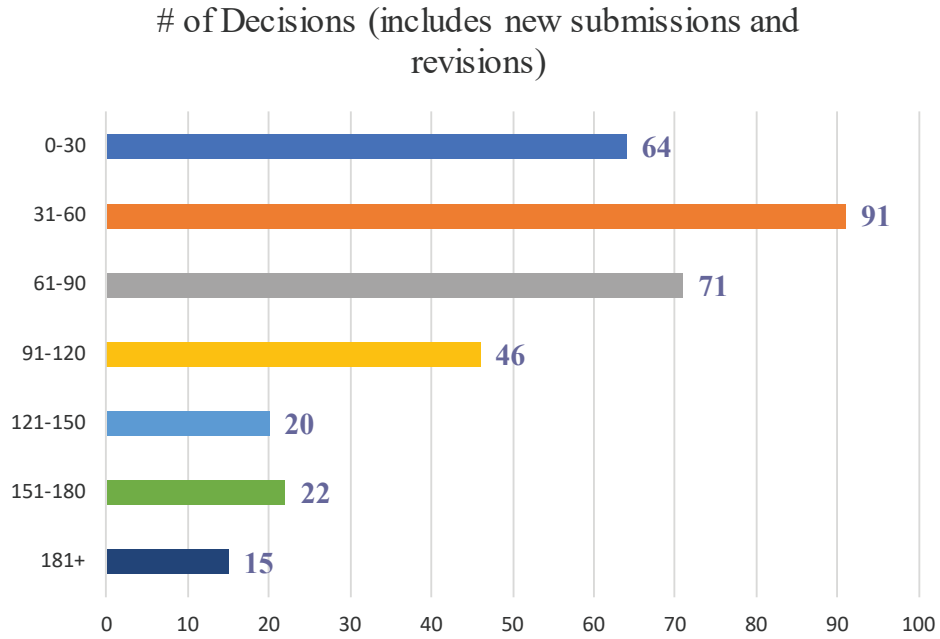
**TABLE 2**  
Annual Outcome Summary—By Calendar Year Cohort

Year	New Submissions Received	Number of Rejections	Percentage of Rejections	Number of Papers in Process	Percentage in Process	Number of Acceptances	Percentage of Acceptances
	(a)	(b)	(c)=b/(a)	(d)	(e)=(d)/(a)	(f)	(g)=(f)/(a)
2019	222	134	60%	86	39%	2	1%
2018	174	124	71%	35	20%	15	9%
2017	197	140	71%	23	12%	34	17%
2016	187	141	75%	14	7%	32	17%
2015	155	119	77%	0	0%	36	23%

- (a) Number of submitted manuscripts from that year's cohort.  
 (b) Number of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort.  
 (c) Percent of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort.  
 (d) Number of manuscripts still being evaluated (no report yet, revise, resubmit).  
 (e) Percent of manuscripts from that year's cohort still being evaluated.  
 (f) Number of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort.  
 (g) Percent of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort.

Of the 321 submissions that were evaluated in 2019, the mean turn time was 77 days. Median turn time was 65 days.

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**Turnaround Times for Decisions Made in the Year Ended December 31, 2019.**



## AAA DIGITAL LIBRARY AND CONTENT AGGREGATOR DOWNLOAD DATA

The American Accounting Association publishes 17 journals in the areas of accounting research, education, practice, and public interest. Table 3 shows the download of articles from the AAA's Digital Library (<http://www.aaajournals.org>) and content aggregators (EBSCO, JSTOR, and/or Proquest) in 2019.

**TABLE 3**  
**2019 AAA Digital Library and Content Aggregators Downloads (Full-Text)**

<b>Journals</b>	<b>Downloads</b>
<i>The Accounting Review</i> *	931,448
<b><i>Accounting Horizons</i>*</b>	<b>212,653</b>
<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice &amp; Theory</i>	204,859
<i>Issues in Accounting Education</i> *	175,532
<i>Journal of Management Accounting Research</i>	108,271
<i>Current Issues in Auditing</i>	99,392
<i>Journal of Information Systems</i>	85,864
<i>Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting</i>	65,990
<i>Behavioral Research in Accounting</i>	51,046
<i>Accounting Historians Journal</i>	40,326
<i>Journal of International Accounting Research</i>	34,838
<i>The Journal of the American Taxation Association</i>	30,891
<i>Journal of Governmental &amp; Nonprofit Accounting</i>	16,636
<i>Accounting and the Public Interest</i>	10,005
<i>Journal of Financial Reporting</i>	7,177
<i>Journal of Forensic Accounting Research</i>	4,767
<i>The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research</i>	4,216

\* Association-wide journal.

### Other Important Statistics

1. *Accounting Horizons* is ranked #23 of 137 Accounting (Business, Management, and Accounting: Accounting) journals (CiteScore, Elsevier, 2019).
2. Percentage of international authors: 34%

**TOP 10 ARTICLES (AAA Digital Library, 2019)**

1. Robert N. Anthony: A Pioneering Thinker in Management Accounting  
*Jacob G. Birnberg*
2. A Fresh Look at Accounting Ethics (or Dr. Smith Goes to Washington)  
*L. Murphy Smith*
3. An Intellectual Memorial to Robert Raymond Sterling, Accounting Reformer  
*Peter W. Wolnizer, Thomas A. Lee*
4. The Kinney Three Paragraphs (and More) for Accounting Ph.D. Students  
*William R. Kinney*
5. Reflections on a Decade of SOX 404(b) Audit Production and Alternatives  
*Marcy L. Shepardson, Roger D. Martin, William R. Kinney*
6. A Review of the Archival Literature on Audit Partners  
*Clive S. Lennox, Xi Wu*
7. CEO Age and Financial Reporting Quality  
*Chih-Chen Lee, Ena Rose-Green, Hua-Wei Huang*
8. Robert T. Sprouse and Fundamental Concepts of Financial Accounting  
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9. Charles T. Horngren: Mentor, Role Model, Colleague, and Friend  
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## CITATION INDICES

*Accounting Horizons* is a highly respected journal in the accounting and economics categories. This section provides data on rankings drawn from Scopus (Elsevier, 2019), presents citation counts from Elsevier’s new CiteScore, compares impact factors from the Social Science Citation Index (Clarivate Analytics, 2019), reviews the Top 10 Google Scholar journals in the Accounting and Taxation subcategory of Business and Economics, and includes international journal listings and ratings from the most recent data available.

### Scopus Rankings

An important measure of the quality of a journal is to understand how its intellectual contributions are valued by measuring the extent of citations made to papers published in that journal. Elsevier’s Scopus database of abstracts and citations of peer-reviewed papers has 50m records in more than 22,000 titles published by 5,000 publishers (<http://www.elsevier.com/online-tools/scopus>). Scopus provides a foundation for new journal metrics that have become increasingly influential in recent years (<http://www.journalmetrics.com>). Important metrics based on Scopus include Source-Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) and SCImago Journal Rank (SJR). Journal citation metrics based on Scopus are increasingly seen by many senior university administrators as a means of normalizing the differences in publishing patterns between disciplines.

The key aspect of SNIP is to measure citation impact by “normalizing” citation values for the radically different patterns of citation between disciplines. SNIP also counters the various manipulations of citation rankings. The summary of SNIP is:

- “Takes a research field’s citation frequency into account
- Considers immediacy—how quickly a paper is likely to have an impact in a given field
- Accounts for how well the field is covered by the underlying database
- Counters any potential for editorial manipulation” (<http://www.journalmetrics.com>)

The key aspect of SJR is the recognition that not all citations are equal. A citation in a more influential journal should count more than a citation in a less influential journal. The summary of SJR is:

- “Is weighted by the prestige of the journal, thereby ‘leveling the playing field’ among journals
- Eliminates manipulation: the only way to raise the SJR ranking is publish in more reputable journals
- ‘Shares’ a journal’s prestige equally over the total number of citations in that journal
- Normalizes for differences in citation behavior between subject fields” (<http://www.journalmetrics.com>)

Table 4 shows the SNIP and SJR rankings for the AAA journal collection (if available), as well as the data for comparable journals in the accounting and finance disciplines. In the accounting discipline, *Accounting Horizons* ranks on a par with the top journals in accounting and economics.

**TABLE 4**  
**SNIP and SJR Rankings: 2016–2018**

Source Title	SNIP			SJR		
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
<i>Accounting Horizons</i>	<b>1.313</b>	<b>1.584</b>	<b>1.099</b>	<b>1.131</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>0.926</b>
<b>AAA Peers</b>						
<i>Accounting and the Public Interest</i>	0.182	0.703	0.799	0.254	0.234	0.206
<i>Accounting Historians Journal</i>	0.708	0.169	0.072	0.237	0.145	0.125
<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice &amp; Theory</i>	2.017	2.088	1.188	2.417	1.710	0.833
<i>Behavioral Research in Accounting</i>	1.123	0.903	0.386	0.557	0.457	0.270
<i>Current Issues in Auditing</i>	0.189	0.686	1.075	0.247	0.223	0.582
<i>Issues in Accounting Education</i>	0.472	1.471	1.097	0.423	0.715	1.462
<i>Journal of the American Taxation Association</i>	0.627	0.786	0.648	0.850	1.227	0.161
<i>Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting</i>	0.859	0.351	1.535	0.372	0.214	0.718
<i>Journal of Information Systems</i>	1.187	0.780	1.510	0.752	0.502	0.379
<i>Journal of International Accounting Research</i>	0.876	0.675	1.204	0.493	0.385	0.964
<i>Journal of Management Accounting Research</i>	0.973	1.213	2.298	0.648	0.743	3.571
<i>The Accounting Review</i>	2.968	2.608	2.298	5.240	3.946	3.571
<b>Accounting and Finance Peers</b>						
<i>Accounting, Auditing &amp; Accountability Journal</i>	1.563	1.981	1.611	1.456	2.187	1.579
<i>Accounting &amp; Finance</i>	0.932	1.036	1.035	0.445	0.384	0.607
<i>Accounting, Organizations and Society</i>	1.963	1.816	2.004	2.036	1.771	2.451
<i>British Accounting Review</i>	1.808	1.706	1.754	1.118	0.986	0.746
<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i>	1.854	2.074	2.681	2.895	2.604	3.190
<i>European Accounting Review</i>	1.759	1.690	1.718	1.505	0.902	1.418
<i>Journal of Accounting &amp; Economics</i>	2.840	3.311	3.787	6.606	6.875	7.662
<i>Journal of Accounting and Public Policy</i>	1.692	1.673	1.884	1.481	0.910	1.530
<i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>	3.488	3.453	3.111	10.151	6.957	6.172
<i>Journal of Financial Economics</i>	4.942	4.531	4.604	13.636	12.489	13.218
<i>Management Accounting Research</i>	2.497	2.881	3.479	2.166	1.426	2.494
<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i>	1.902	1.886	1.687	3.379	2.757	2.867

Source: SCOPUS database, <http://www.journalmetrics.com>, Elsevier, 2019.

## CiteScore

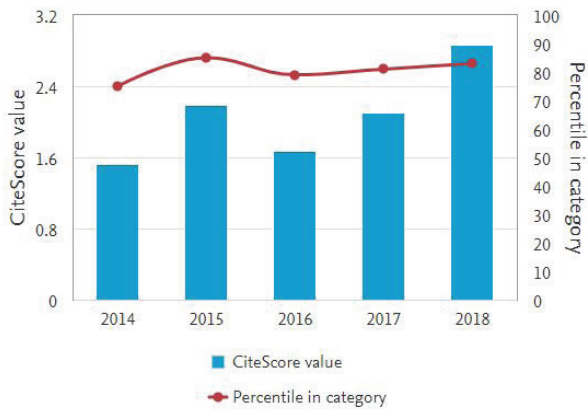
In 2016, CiteScore was added to the Scopus metrics. CiteScore measures the citations on articles published in the previous 3 years. All article types are counted. Scopus metrics now include Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP), SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), and citation and document counts and percentage cited (CiteScore). Another way of looking at this is SNIP is article impact, SJR is the journal impact, and CiteScore is a simplified view of the journal’s citation analysis. The following images show the CiteScore trend for *Horizons*, and the CiteScore table lists the 2019 CiteScore for each journal in the AAA collection indexed in Scopus.

### CiteScore rank [🔗](#)

Category	Rank	Percentile
Business, Management and Accounting		
Accounting	#23/137	83rd

### Accounting

### CiteScore trend



Source: CiteScore, Elsevier, 2019.



Journal	CiteScore, 2019	
	2018 Citations/2015-2017 docs	
<i>Accounting Historians Journal</i>	0.42	20 cites/48 docs
<i>Accounting Horizons</i>	2.87	359 cites/125 docs
<i>Accounting and the Public Interest</i>	0.47	7 cites/15 docs
<i>Accounting Review, The</i>	4.57	1,037 cites/227 docs
<i>ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research</i>	0.06	1 cites/18 docs
<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice &amp; Theory</i>	3.97	441 cites/111 docs
<i>Behavioral Research in Accounting</i>	1.49	70 cites/47 docs
<i>Current Issues in Auditing</i>	0.47	18 cites/38 docs
<i>Issues in Accounting Education</i>	0.71	62 cites/87 docs
<i>Journal of the American Taxation Association</i>	1.18	47 cites/40 docs
<i>Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting</i>	1.27	71 cites/56 docs
<i>Journal of Financial Reporting</i>	n/a	n/a
<i>Journal of Forensic Accounting Research</i>	n/a	n/a
<i>Journal of Governmental &amp; Nonprofit Accounting</i>	n/a	n/a
<i>Journal of Information Systems</i>	2.16	175 cites/81 docs
<i>Journal of International Accounting Research</i>	1.17	81 cites/69 docs
<i>Journal of Management Accounting Research</i>	1.80	119 cites/66 docs

## WEB OF SCIENCE: SOCIAL SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

The *Journal Citation Report (JCR)*, Clarivate Analytics, formerly Thomson Reuters) provides data that rank, evaluate, categorize, and compare journals that are indexed in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI). The impact factor (IF), one of the data points of SSCI, is the industry measure of the frequency with which an article in a journal has been cited over a particular period. The annual *JCR* impact factor is a ratio between citations and recent citable items published. Thus, the impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of current year citations to articles published in that journal during the previous two years (*JCR*, 2018). The data listed below are the number of 2017 citations for articles published in the previous 2 years (2015-2016).

Journal	2017 Cites	2018 IF	2016 Cites	2017 IF	2015 Cites	2016 IF
<b><i>Accounting Horizons</i></b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>1.730</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>1.218</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>0.881</b>
<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice &amp; Theory</i>	2135	2.409	1639	1.937	1209	0.920
<i>The Accounting Review</i>	9386	2.247	7941	2.304	6059	1.953
<b>Accounting Peers</b>						
<i>Accounting, Auditing, and Accountability</i>	3823	2.911	3030	2.732	2094	1.911
<i>Accounting, Organizations and Society</i>	6473	2.077	5371	2.158	4358	2.464
<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i>	3539	2.065	2953	2.269	2137	1.782
<i>Journal of Accounting &amp; Economics</i>	8411	3.282	7303	3.839	5373	3.535
<i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>	7153	4.542	6163	3.000	4851	2.243
<i>Management Accounting Research</i>	2261	3.800	2291	3.000	1074	2.286
<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i>	1670	1.588	1515	1.756	1074	1.513

## GOOGLE SCHOLAR

The illustration below shows the top 10 journals in the Accounting and Taxation subcategory of the Business, Economics, and Management category of Google Scholar. The h5-index is Google's version of an impact factor. It is based on the Hirsch index and tracks articles and citations over a 5-year period. If a journal has an h5-index of 10, it means the journal published 10 articles that were cited at least 10 times. The h5-median for a publication is the median number of citations for the articles that make up its h5-index. As illustrated below, *The Accounting Review* is the top journal in this category. In addition, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory* is #6 on this list, and *Accounting Horizons* is #11.

Categories > Business, Economics & Management > Accounting & Taxation ▾			
	Publication	h5-index	h5-median
1.	The Accounting Review	62	108
2.	Journal of Accounting and Economics	58	111
3.	Journal of Accounting Research	51	92
4.	Contemporary Accounting Research	48	87
5.	Review of Accounting Studies	41	57
6.	AUDITING: A Journal of Practice & Theory	37	56
7.	Accounting, Organizations and Society	36	57
8.	Management Accounting Research	34	47
9.	Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal	32	44
10.	Critical Perspectives on Accounting	32	44
11.	Accounting Horizons	30	45

## POSITIONING IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

*Accounting Horizons* is in a number of international journal rankings, as tracked by the Harzing Journal Quality List\* (<http://www.harzing.com>, updated July 2019). The following table lists *Horizons*' position on selected rankings, along with those of peers from the accounting and finance disciplines. Detailed explanations of the selected rankings follow.

*Accounting Horizons* ranks as A (second on a five-point scale) on the widely followed Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal list. Other international rankings also show *Horizons* broadly in line with its peers.

**TABLE 5**  
*Accounting Horizons in International Rankings*

Journal	ABDC 2019	ABS 2018	EJL 2019	HCERES 2019	VHB 2015
<i>Accounting Horizons</i> †	A	3	S	A	B
<b>Accounting Peers</b>					
<i>Accounting &amp; Finance</i>	A	2	S	B	C
<i>Accounting and the Public Interest</i> †	B				C
<i>Accounting Historians Journal</i> †	B	2		B	C
<i>Accounting, Auditing &amp; Accountability Journal</i>	A*	3	S	A	B
<i>Accounting, Organizations and Society</i>	A*	4*	P*	A	A
<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice &amp; Theory</i> †	A*	3	P	A	B
<i>Behavioral Research in Accounting</i> †	A	3	S	B	B
<i>British Accounting Review</i>	A	3	S	B	B
<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i>	A*	4	P*	A	A
<i>Current Issues in Auditing</i> †	B	2			
<i>European Accounting Review</i>	A*	3	P	A	A
<i>International Journal of Accounting</i>	A	3		B	B
<i>International Journal of Auditing</i>	A	2		B	B
<i>Issues in Accounting Education</i> †	A	2		C	C
<i>Journal of Accounting &amp; Economics</i>	A*	4*	P*	A	A+
<i>Journal of Accounting and Public Policy</i>	A	3	S	A	B
<i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>	A*	4*	P*	A	A+
<i>Journal of Business Finance &amp; Accounting</i>	A*	3	P	A	B
<i>Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting</i> †	B	1			
<i>Journal of Financial Reporting</i> †	A				
<i>Journal of Forensic Accounting Research</i> †	B				
<i>Journal of Governmental &amp; Nonprofit Accounting</i> †	B	1			
<i>Journal of Information Systems</i> †	A	1			C
<i>Journal of International Accounting Research</i> †	A	2	S	B	B
<i>Journal of Management Accounting Research</i> †	A*	2	S	B	B
<i>Management Accounting Research</i>	A*	3	P	A	A
<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i>	A*	4	P*	A	A
<i>The Accounting Review</i> †	A*	4*	P*	A	A+
<i>The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research</i> †	C	1			
<i>The Journal of the American Taxation Association</i> †	A	3			

† Denotes the journal is published by the American Accounting Association.

## ***Australian Business Deans Council Journal Rankings List (2019)***

The influence of this ranking goes well beyond Australia.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
A*	Best or leading journal in its field—publishes outstanding, original, and rigorous research that will shape the field. Acceptance rates are typically low and the editorial board is dominated by leading scholars in the field or subfield, including from top institutions in the world. Where relevant to the field or subfield, the journal has the highest impact factors or other indices of high reputation.
A	Highly regarded journal in the field or subfield—publishes excellent research in terms of originality, significance, and rigor; has competitive submission and acceptance rates; excellent refereeing process; and, where relevant to the field or subfield, has higher than average impact factors. Not all highly regarded journals have high impact factors, especially those in niche areas.
B	Well-regarded journal in the field or subfield—publishes research of a good standard in terms of originality, significance, and rigor, and papers are fully refereed according to good standards and practices but acceptance rates are higher than for Tiers A* and A. Depending on the field or subfield, will have a modest impact factor and will be ISI-listed.
C	A recognized journal—publishes research that is of a modest standard and/or is yet to establish its reputation because of its newness. This tier is more inclusive than the other categories. Only includes refereed journals.

## ***ABS—Chartered Association of Business Schools***

The list provides guidance to scholars working across the diverse fields that constitute Business and Management. The Academic Journal Guide is intended to give both emerging and established scholars greater clarity as to which journals to aim for, and where the best work in their field tends to be clustered.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
4*	Journals of Distinction. Within the business and management field, including economics, there are a small number of grade 4 journals that are recognised world-wide as exemplars of excellence. As the world leading journals in the field, they would be ranked among the highest in terms of impact factor. The initial paper selection and review process would be rigorous and demanding. Accepted papers would typically not only bring to bear large scale data and/or rigour in theory, but also be extremely finely crafted and provide major advances to their field.
4	All journals rated 4, whether included in the Journal of Distinction category or not publish the most original and best-executed research. As top journals in their field, these journals typically have high submission and low acceptance rates. Papers are heavily refereed. These top journals generally have among the highest citation impact factors within their field.
3	3 rated journals publish original and well executed research papers and are highly regarded. These journals typically have good submission rates and are very selective in what they publish. Papers are heavily refereed. These highly regarded journals generally have good to excellent journal metrics relative to others in their field, although at present not all journals in this category carry a citation impact factor.
2	Journals in this category publish original research of an acceptable standard. For these well regarded journals in their field, papers are fully refereed according to accepted standards and conventions. Citation impact factors are somewhat more modest in certain cases. Many excellent practitioner-oriented articles are published in 2-rated journals.
1	These journals, in general, publish research of a recognised, but more modest standard in their field. A 1 rating is a useful indicator in that it indicates the journal meets normal scholarly standards, including a general expectation of peer review. Papers are in many instances refereed relatively lightly according to accepted conventions. Few journals in this category carry a citation impact factor.

### ***EJL—Erasmus Research Institute of Management Journals Listing (The Netherlands)***

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
P+	Top journals among P
P	Best journals in the field
PA	Top international journals (aspirant)
S	Scientific refereed journals of a recognized academic reputation that do not reach the quality levels of the Primary Set (P)
M*	Top managerial journal

### ***HCERES—High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education***

A joint plenary commission, established in 2014, brought together representatives of Economics and Management and was responsible for establishing and updating a list of common journals for these two disciplines. The list is made up of merged classified lists of journals from the Scientific College of the French Management Association (FNEGE), and section 37 of the National Committee for Scientific Research (CNRS). The classification is done in 3 categories:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
A	Journals classified 1*, 1e, 1g, 1eg, 1 and 2 by the CNRS or FNEGE
B	Journals classified 3 by the CNRS or FNEGE
C	Journals classified 4 by the CNRS or FNEGE

### ***VHB 2015—Assoc. of Professors of Business in German speaking countries***

A ranking developed on behalf of the Association of University Professors of Business in German speaking countries (Verband der Hochschullehrer für Betriebswirtschaft - VHB). This version (VHB-JOURQUAL 3) is the 4th edition of this list.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
A+	World Leading
A	Leading
B	Important and Respected
C	Recognized
D	Peer-Reviewed
E	Ranking no longer included in this version

\* Note: The 60th edition of the Harzing Journal Quality List removed several older rankings (UQ 2007, Aston 2008, Cranfield 2012) that had not been updated since then by their providers and were probably replaced by the ABDC and ABS rankings. The 61st edition removed two French single university rankings (HEC 2011) and ESSEC (2016) as French universities now seem to use one of the three country-wide rankings. The 65th edition was published in July 2019.