What is a journal citation?

- A journal citation refers to the referencing information that relates to a journal article e.g. the author that wrote the article and information about where it was published.
- You can use the citation details to find out if the library holds a copy of the article you are looking for.

### Step 1: Collect elements of a journal citation

Example of journal citation:

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### Step 2: Search for the name of the journal

Type in the name of the law journal into the search box from the library home page: http://www.cdu.edu.au/library/
Step 3: Does the library have a copy?

From the results determine if the library has a copy:

This journal has both a hard copy and online version. Click on each link for more details.

Tip:

If the journal you are looking for is only available in hard copy and you live away from a campus you can request an article copy through *Distance Library Services*. See the website for more details: [http://libguides.cdu.edu.au/DistanceServices](http://libguides.cdu.edu.au/DistanceServices)

Step 4: Access the hard copy journal or the online copy

Click on the relevant link from your page of results. For:

- **Hard copy Journals**: See the record information about the location of the journal. You can then browse using the volume and page number from your journal citation details. For students away from campus see the tip above.
- **Electronic Journals**: The link will take you through to the database that hosts the journal, from most databases you can search using the articles name or browse using the journals volume and page number.
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