

This sheet is primarily aimed at publishers applying for an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN). It also gives information on the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and legal deposit.

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We would recommend to all publishers that any items that they produce should give the following information:

**Title**  
**Author(s)/editor(s) where relevant**  
**Place of publication**  
**Publisher's name and address**  
**Date of publication.**

Serial publications should indicate **volume/part/issue number/date**. The above information is of use to the book trade, librarians and readers.

## THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SERIAL NUMBER (ISSN)

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For ISSN purposes, a **serial is a publication issued in successive parts**, usually having numerical or chronological designations, and intended to be continued indefinitely. Serials include periodicals, magazines, newspapers, annuals (reports, yearbooks, directories, etc.), journals, memoirs, proceedings, transactions of societies, some electronic publications/continuing resources (see <http://www.issn.org/2-22638-ISSN-and-electronic-publications.php>), and monographic series.

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## ISSN Application Form

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**TITLE** (from the title page, or the cover if there is no title page)

**VARIANT FORMS OF TITLE** (on the cover, masthead or other parts of current issues)

**DATE OF FIRST ISSUE** with this title

**EARLIER TITLES ♦** (if any) to which this serial is related

START AND END DATES/ISSUE NOS. OF EARLIER TITLES

**FREQUENCY**

**LANGUAGES OF TEXT**

**SUBJECT(S)/TOPIC(S)**

**ELECTRONIC ACCESS**, Method and address (URL, FTP etc), (Electronic publications only)

**PUBLISHER** (Name as it will appear on the publication)

**ADDRESS** (as it will appear on the publication)

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