



AN INDEPENDENT DOI PREFIX FOR JOURNALS

Visindex.org operates through Afrischolar Discovery Initiative, a subsidiary of DyNET Technologies Limited, which is a Direct Member with DataCite Inc. Our role as Administrators of DOI Infrastructure enables us create unlimited repositories using different technologies and frameworks and assigning independent DOI prefixes.

By creating Peer Review Systems for Journals with Open Journal Systems, we have the capacity to assign independent DOI prefixes that will enable the Journals to operate with a greater measure of success.

A journal having its independent prefix (such as a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) prefix offers several benefits for the journal, its authors, and the research community. Here are some key advantages:

1. Improved Discoverability and Accessibility

Unique Identification: Each article or publication receives a globally unique DOI, making it easy to locate and reference in digital environments.

Ease of Citation: Independent prefixes ensure that articles are consistently attributed to the journal, improving citation accuracy.

2. Brand Recognition and Reputation

Ownership and Identity: An independent prefix reflects the journal's authority and ownership of its content, building trust and credibility.

Professional Image: Demonstrates the journal's commitment to maintaining modern publishing standards, attracting higher-quality submissions.

3. Streamlined Management and Control

Content Ownership: The journal retains complete control over assigning DOIs to its articles, volumes, and issues.

Flexibility: Independent prefixes allow the journal to create custom DOI structures tailored to its needs.

4. Enhanced Integration with Publishing Platforms

Interoperability: DOIs with independent prefixes integrate seamlessly with indexing databases (e.g., PubMed, Scopus), metadata registries, and citation management tools.

Improved Linking: Enables persistent, reliable links between the journal's content and other digital platforms.

5. Support for Open Access and Archiving

Metadata Control: Journals can include relevant metadata (e.g., keywords, abstracts) under their prefix, aiding discoverability in open-access repositories.

Preservation: Ensures content is preserved and remains accessible through DOI infrastructure, even if URLs or platforms change.

6. Better Metrics and Analytics

Tracking Impact: Independent prefixes facilitate usage and citation tracking through tools like CrossRef Event Data or Altmetric.

Custom Insights: The journal can gather more detailed data on its own content's reach and engagement.

7. Cost-Effectiveness in the Long Term

Scalability: Independent prefixes allow unlimited DOI creation under one prefix, making it cost-effective for growing journals.

Direct Management: Reduces reliance on intermediaries, simplifying processes and potentially lowering fees.

8. Alignment with Best Practices

Compliance with Standards: Having an independent prefix shows adherence to international standards for scholarly publishing.

9. Attracting Indexing Opportunities: Journals with independent prefixes are often preferred by indexing bodies and databases.

By having its own prefix, a journal establishes itself as a reliable, professional entity in the academic publishing ecosystem, enhancing its credibility, discoverability, and ability to serve its audience.

In addition to all the above benefits, having an independent prefix will be a source of revenue in the following ways:

1. You will have the capacity to provide DOI to other journals in your institution, department or faculty.
2. Scholars who need visibility for their research output such as book chapters, conference papers etc. can achieve it through your prefix.
3. Theses and Dissertation from Undergraduate and Postgraduate students can be given visibility.

All these will be at a token.

The Requirements

We only have two requirements.:

1. Annual Membership at Category A (Premium) at \$200.
2. Upfront purchase of DOI Units at \$1 per DOI. Renewal of Membership will carry forward remaining DOI Units to the next year. The Units will remain and serve the Journal until due for renewal.

We are open for clarifications 2-4-7.

We sincerely appreciate you.

Odudu Udocox

Executive Director

+2348034901634

odudu.decocox@dynetng.org