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Open Access requirements

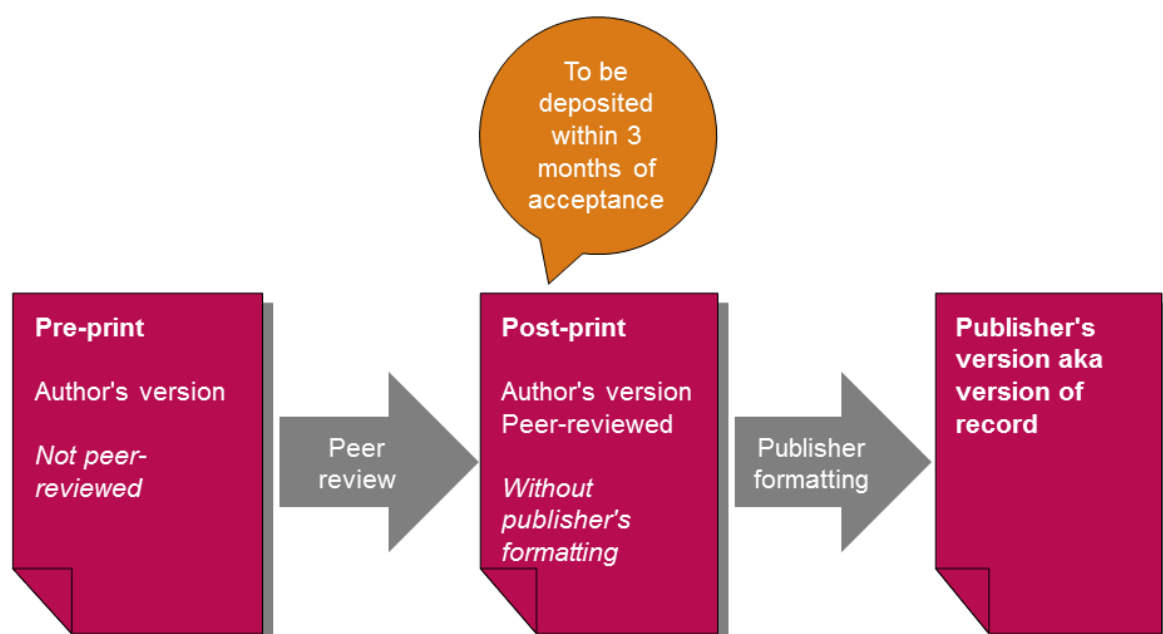
For the next assessment, REF 2020, HEFCE have introduced an Open Access requirement. It comes into force on 1 April 2016.

As from that date, the final peer-reviewed manuscript of any article in a journal or conference proceedings with an ISSN number:

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