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1 April 2016

The REF Open Access policy came into effect.

1 April 2016

Any publication accepted before this date is automatically eligible for REF2021.



1 April 2016

Some publications accepted after this date must comply with the policy to be REF eligible.



Key REF2021 dates

1 January 2014

REF publication period starts

1 April 2016

Open Access policy starts

31 December 2020

REF publication period ends

The REF Open Access policy only applies to the following research outputs:

- **Journal articles**

Including letters, communications, reviews, editorials, etc.

- **Conference proceedings (published with an ISSN)**

Full length conference papers. **Not** abstracts, posters, presentations or talks.

Journal articles and conference proceedings **must be** deposited in a suitable Open Access repository within **three months** of acceptance.



1 April 2016 – 31 March 2018

The policy was relaxed for the first two years.

Publications **accepted** in this period could be deposited within 3 months of **publication**.

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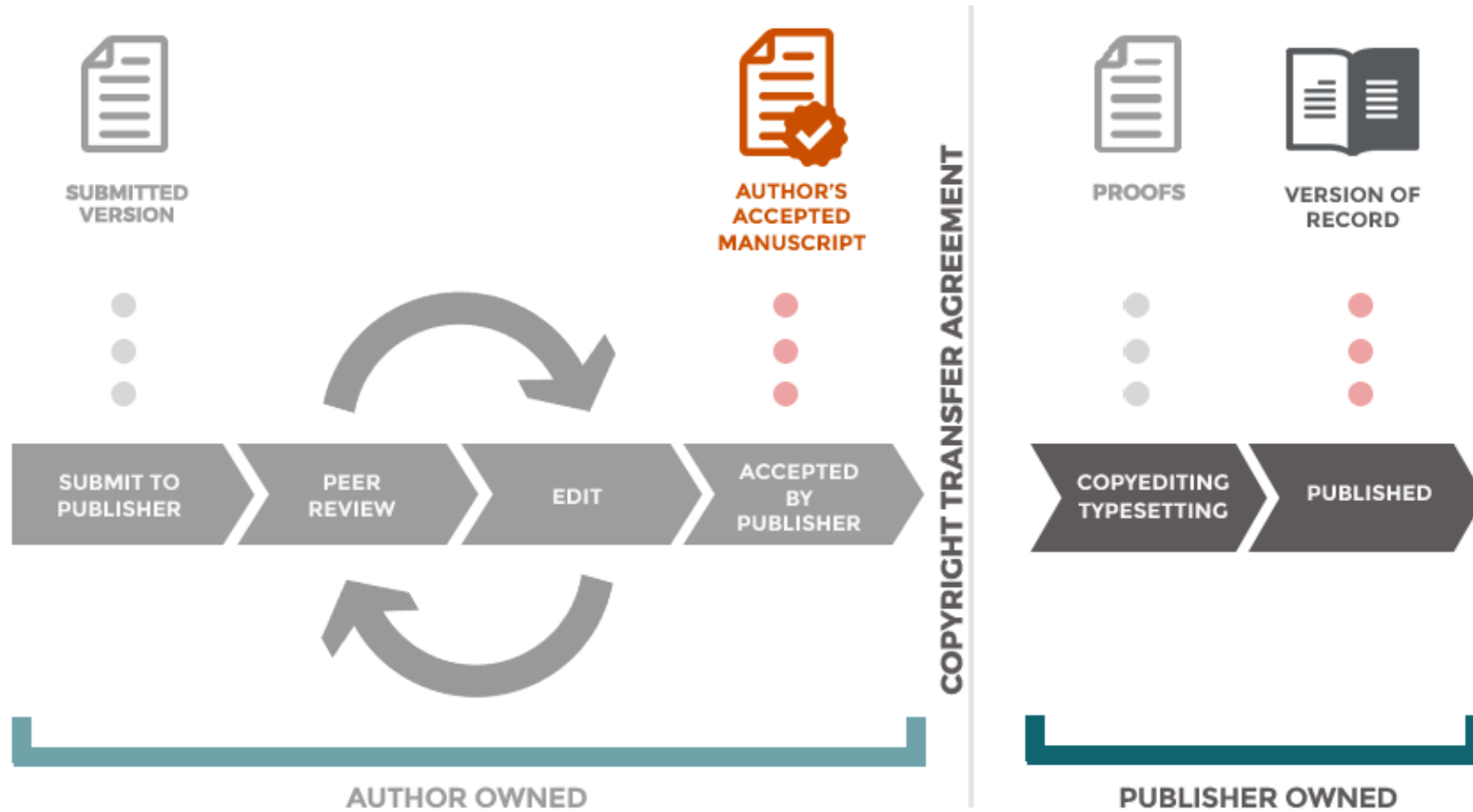
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We don't know which articles will be selected for REF2021, so the safest course of action is to make them **all** Open Access.

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