What does Scopus cover?

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed research literature with over 21,000 titles from more than 5,000 international publishers. A full list of the journals indexed in Scopus can be found here: Scopus Title List.

Scopus currently has 50 million core records:

- 29 million records going back to 1995 (of which 84% include abstracts)
- 21 million records pre-1996 which go back as far as 1823 (abstracts are included where available, but these do not include cited references)
- 5.5 million conference papers from proceedings and journals
- "Articles-in-Press" from over 3,850 journals
- Approximately 2 million new records are added each year via daily updates

Please note that the following eligibility rules apply to our content coverage in Scopus:

- Scopus only indexes serial publications: journals, trade journals, book series and conference materials that have an ISSN (International Standard Serial Numbers) assigned to them.
- The only exception concerns conference papers, which can be captured via different routes than by being published in a serial publication with an ISSN.
- Meeting abstracts are not covered by Scopus. Confusion around the conference coverage in databases can arise from not making a distinction between the document types "conference papers" and "meeting abstracts". Whereas "conference papers" contain the final full-text version of a research paper (i.e. comparable to journal articles), "meeting abstracts" are short summaries of an ongoing research project. Often "meeting abstracts" are published in advance of a conference, while "conference papers" are made available after the conference as part of a proceedings volume.
- Other examples of document types not covered in Scopus are secondary document types (where the author is not the person behind the presented research) like obituaries and book reviews.

What should I do if Scopus doesn't cover a research item that I have published or that I think should be in the database?

It is possible to submit content correction requests to Scopus. First, please verify if the missing content you request falls within the scope of our editorial rules. You can read more about these rules here. Full details of the journals and conference proceedings covered by Scopus can be found by downloading the Scopus Title List.

If the content/item you would like to add is not within the scope of our editorial coverage, we will not be able to add this to the Scopus database. There are a variety of reasons why content items cannot be changed or added. If this is the case for your request, Customer Technical Support will provide you with a full explanation.

If the content you are requesting does fall within our coverage policy we kindly ask you complete one of the forms outlined in the section below.

How do I submit a request to add or change content in Scopus?

There are a few types of content corrections that can be made in Scopus. Please use the the list below to determine which form you need to complete. All requests will be routed to the appropriate department for evaluation.

1) I wish to report **missing content** from titles already indexed by Scopus (i.e. an article is within the Scopus coverage policy and is not appearing in Scopus) that I think should be in Scopus. Please use this form to submit your request, and select the appropriate category under "How can we help you?"

2) I wish to report a **data correction** (i.e. a name or title is misspelled for an item in Scopus). Please use this form to submit your request, and select the appropriate category.

3) I wish to report a **citation correction** (i.e. I think the reported Cited-by number is lower than expected). Please use this form to submit your request, and select the appropriate category.

4) I wish to report a change or correction to merge or split an **Author Profile**. Please use the **Author Feedback Wizard**. If you wish to do so, please make sure you import your **entire publication history**. Also, please be aware that your Scopus author profile has no impact whatsoever on the current evaluation by FCT and that the changes will not be immediately reflected in the Scopus author profiles but, as stated before, this has no impact on the current evaluation exercise.

How long will it take for my content request to be processed?

1) Full processing of **missing content** from titles already indexed by Scopus varies according to the number and types of changes in your request. Factors such as the age and accessibility of the content type as well as the need to verify the source of the primary data can all increase the processing time. Currently, this process can take up to **5 weeks**. Some changes may take longer; for instance, if we need to claim the content with a third party this can take some time.

2) **Data corrections** submitted via the form listed above typically takes **2 weeks** to be identified, processed and uploaded to Scopus.com. Please note that this is an average processing time. Some changes, such as requests to alter the Cited-by number in Scopus through reference matching, may take longer.

3) **Citation corrections** submitted via the form listed above will typically take 2 weeks to show up in Scopus. ***Due to high demand from researchers in Portugal, the actual processing time may be longer.*** In order to better manage the load, we have added more resources to our e-helpdesk to decrease this waiting time.

4) **Author Profile** corrections (simple splits and/or merges) submitted to Scopus via the Author Feedback Wizard will typically be processed and online within **3 weeks**. Please be aware that your Scopus author profile has no impact whatsoever on the current evaluation by FCT. *If you have submitted citation corrections via the Wizard, please see number 3 regarding the processing time for citation corrections.*