

## NWO Open Access policy for projects funded from 1-1-2016 to 1-1-2021



NWO has updated its Open Access policy in accordance with the requirements of [Plan S](#) and [cOAlition S](#). The new requirements will apply to publications resulting from projects funded on the basis of calls for proposals published by NWO from 1 January 2021 onwards.

For projects awarded before 1-1-2021 and after 1-1-2016, different requirements apply. The most important differences are:

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The following conditions apply:

All publications emerging from projects funded by NWO from 1-1-2016 onwards must be made available in Open Access immediately upon publication. NWO accepts three routes:

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