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Step-by-Step APC Support Process under ONOS

1. Check Eligibility

- ③ Author must be affiliated to an eligible Indian academic / research institution registered under ONOS
- ③ Journal must be covered under ONOS APC-supported Journal List
- ✓ Refer the ONOS portal for list of eligible institutions and APC supported journals



2. Go to APC Support Section

- ③ Go to ONOS portal (<https://www.onos.gov.in>)
- ③ Navigate to "APC Support" section from dashboard
- ③ Click on "Apply for APC Support"
- ③ New Users: Register with institutional email ID;
- ③ Existing Users: Login with Email ID (to check the status of APC request)
- ✓ An OTP verification may be required.



4. Review & Submit Application

- ③ Review all details carefully before submission
- ③ Confirm declarations and ONOS guidelines compliance
- ③ Click on "Submit Application"
- ✓ A unique Application ID will be generated



3. Fill APC Application Form

- ③ Enter article details: title, journal name, publisher, acceptance date, APC claim amount (with currency)
- ③ Enter corresponding author and co-author details
- ③ Confirm that article is accepted and not yet published at the time of application
- ✓ Read the instructions and APC support Guidelines carefully. Ensure all fields marked (*) are mandatory



5. Upload Required Documents

- ③ Author Declaration Form (signed by author, co-author, and Head of Institution)
- ③ Acceptance letter from the journal
- ③ Invoice / Proforma invoice from the publisher showing APC amount
- ✓ Ensure all documents are clear and in PDF format



6. Application Approval by Institutional Administrators

- ③ Application is first verified by institutional administrators
- ③ Once approved, application is forwarded to ONOS for further processing
- ✓ Application status can be tracked in "My Applications" section at Already Register Author



8. Payment of APC by ONOS

- ③ ONOS makes payment of APC directly to the publisher on behalf of the corresponding author
- ✓ Payment will be as per invoice received and Govt. rules



7. Application Verification by ONOS

- ③ ONOS team verifies application, documents, and eligibility
- ③ Clarifications may be requested if required
- ✓ Applicant is notified through email / portal



9. Publication & Acknowledgement

- ③ After publication, authors must acknowledge ONOS support as per guidelines
- ③ Compliance with ONOS terms and conditions is required
- ✓ Payment will be as per invoice received and Govt. rules



Important Notes

- Apply only after acceptance of the manuscript
- APC support is limited to eligible journals and subject to APC Guidelines
- Any changes in article status must be immediately reported
- The author shall be liable to refund the full APC amount if the article is retracted by the journal or if APC support for the same article has been received from any other national or international institution or funding agency.
- All communication will be sent to registered email ID

