

New Features in Abridged Edition 14

Overview

Edition 14 is the first abridged edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification to be produced in the context of the web environment. The web has enabled us to update the DDC continuously and provide those updates regularly to our users. The web has expanded our access to information sources and facilitated timely cooperation with our international user base. It has also challenged us to provide features that promote efficiency and accuracy in classification.

Continuous Updating

Edition 14 reflects the continuous updating policy in effect since the publication of Edition 13 in 1997. We have used monthly web postings and Abridged WebDewey as our chief vehicles for delivering updates to the users of the abridged edition. Since 1997, we have posted selected new numbers and changes to Edition 13 on a monthly basis on our web site (www.oclc.org/dewey). In January 2002, we introduced Abridged WebDewey, the first electronic version based on the abridged edition. A fully updated version is released quarterly. All of these updates have been incorporated into Edition 14.

New Numbers and Topics

Edition 14 contains many new numbers and topics. These range from new geographic provisions to provisions for topics in fields such as computer science, religion, sociology, law, medicine and health, and recreation.

International Cooperation

Edition 14 has benefited from the ongoing advice of the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) and our translation partners. Both groups provide a diverse outlook that is reflected in improvements to terminology throughout Edition 14, and in updated developments, particularly in geographic areas, law, and historical periods.

Classifier Efficiency

The most striking change in Edition 14, the streamlining of the Manual, has been motivated by a desire to promote classifier efficiency. We transferred information easily accommodated in the tables and schedules from the Manual to notes in the Classification itself. Redundant information already in the schedules and tables has been eliminated from the Manual. We have converted the Library of Congress Decimal Classification Division DDC application policies previously described in the Manual into standard Dewey practice. We have moved basic instructions on the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification to the Introduction, and background information to *Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application*. We have revised the remaining Manual entries in a consistent style to promote quick understanding and efficient use.

Major Changes in Edition 14

In addition to the streamlining of the Manual, there are several major changes introduced in Edition 14. In Edition 13, we initiated a two-edition plan to reduce Christian bias in 200 Religion. Edition 14 contains the rest of the relocations outlined in that plan. We have updated developments and terminology for social groups and institutions in 305–306, and removed many near duplicate provisions in that schedule. We have introduced several improvements to 340 Law that relate to the law of nations, human rights, and intergovernmental organizations. We have introduced a substantial update in 510 Mathematics, including the relocation of some topics to the new number at 518 Numerical mathematics. We have updated terminology in 610 Medicine and health, and improved indexing for medical topics. We have moved facilities for travelers from 647.94 to 910.46 and to specific area numbers in 913–919, and introduced updated historical periods in 930–990. Likewise, we have updated Table 2 Geographic areas, and Persons. A complete list of relocations, discontinuations, and reused numbers in Edition 14 is available immediately following Tables 1–4. A selected list of changes in Edition 14 follows.

Selected List of Changes in Edition 14

Selected Changes in the Tables

TABLE 1. STANDARD SUBDIVISIONS

—072 Research; statistical methods
 New number

TABLE 2. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, AND PERSONS

—5987 East Timor
 New number*

—682–687 Republic of South Africa
 Revised and expanded*

Selected Changes in the Schedules

005.5 General purpose application programs
 Relocated from 005.3

005.52 Word processing
 Relocated from 652.5

006.8 Virtual reality
 New number

*Introduced in an interim update prior to the publication of Edition 14

New Features

- 011.8 General bibliographies of works by specific kinds of authors
 Relocated from 013
- 174.2 [Ethics of] Medical professions
 New number
- 201–209 Specific aspects of religion
 Relocated from 291
- 299.5 Religion of East and Southeast Asian origin
- 299.6 Religions originating among Black Africans and people of Black
 African descent
- 299.7 Religions of North American native origin
- 299.8 Religions of South American native origin
 New numbers
- 305 Social groups
- 306 Culture and institutions
 Revised
- 320.6 Policy making
 New number
- 323.11 [Civil and political rights of] Ethnic and national groups
 New number and subdivisions
- 331.702 Choice of vocation
 New number
- 332.024 Personal finance
 Broadened to cover management of personal household finance
 relocated from 640
- 333.71–.72 General topics of natural resources and energy
 New numbers
- 340 Law
 The heading at 341 was changed from “International law” to “Law
 of nations.” A topic in either 341.4 or 341.7 that had a
 corresponding domestic law provision in 342–347 was relocated to
 the appropriate number in 342–347. At 342.2, 343.2, 344.2, 345.2,
 346.2, 347.2, 348.2, and 349.2 new numbers were developed for the
 law of regional intergovernmental organizations

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- 342.02–.03 Basic instruments of government
- 342.08 Jurisdiction over persons
 - New numbers

- 344.02–.05 [Law of] Social service
 - New numbers

- 362.11 Hospitals and related institutions
- 362.12 Clinics and related institutions
- 362.14 Professional home care
- 362.16 Extended medical care facilities
- 362.17 Specific services
 - New numbers

- 362.19 Services to patients with specific conditions
 - New number and subdivisions

- 362.61 Residential care [of persons in late adulthood]
- 362.734 Adoption
 - New numbers

- 363.31 Censorship
- 363.32 Control of violence and terrorism
- 363.33 Control of explosives and firearms
- 363.35 Civil defense
 - New numbers

- 364.152 Homicide
 - New number

- 370.113 Vocational education
 - New number

- 371.35 Distance education
 - New number

- 372.34 [Elementary education in] Computers
- 372.35 [Elementary education in] Science and technology
- 372.37 [Elementary education in] Personal health and safety
 - New numbers

- 381 Commerce (Trade)
 - Broadened to include comprehensive works on commerce, relocated from 380.1, as well as domestic commerce

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- 394.2612 [Customs of] Kwanzaa
394.2628 [Customs of] Mother's Day
New numbers
- 518 Numerical analysis
New number relocated from different parts of 510
- 519.6 Mathematical optimization
Relocated from 519.3
- 543 Analytic chemistry
Revised; qualitative analysis relocated from 544, quantitative analysis relocated from 545, analytic organic chemistry relocated from 547
- 551.46 Hydrosphere and submarine geology Oceanography
Revised; dynamic oceanography relocated from 551.47
- 591.72 Specific factors affecting animal ecology
New number and subdivision
- 616 Diseases
Broadened to include experimental medicine relocated from 619*
- 623.74 [Military] Aircraft
New number
- 623.82 Nautical craft
New number and subdivisions
- 623.87 Power plants of nautical craft
New number
624. 2 Bridges
New number
- 659.19 Advertising specific kinds of organizations, products, services
New number
- 775 Digital photography
776 Computer art (Digital art)
New numbers

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- 791.4302 Specific aspects of motion pictures
791.4402 Specific aspects of radio
791.4502 Specific aspects of television
 New numbers
- 792.02 Specific aspects of stage presentations
792.802 Specific aspects of ballet and modern dance
 New numbers
- 793.74 Mathematical games and recreations
 New number
- 794.72 Billiards
794.73 Pocket billiards
 New numbers
- 795.412 Poker
 New number
- 796.522 [Walking and exploring] Mountains, hills, rocks
796.63 Mountain biking (All-terrain cycling)
 New numbers
- 796.939 Snowboarding
 New number*
- 797.12 [Boating by] types of vessels
797.122 Canoeing
797.124 Sailing
 New numbers
- 799.12 Fly fishing
799.16 Saltwater fishing
799.17 [Fishing for] Specific kinds of fishes
 New numbers
- 839.82 Norwegian literature
 Broadened to include New Norwegian, Landsmål literature
- 910.46 Facilities for travelers
 Relocated from 647.94. Similar development at 06 in the 913–919
 add table
- 940–990 General history of modern world, of extraterrestrial worlds
 Several new historical periods introduced throughout 940–990, e.g.,
 973.93 [United States in] 2001–

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