

Editorial and Publishing Policies

The Journal of Consumer Sciences (JCS) aligns its publication, editing and peer review policies with the Code of Best Practice in Scholarly Journal Publishing, Editing and Peer Review, March 2018 from the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and with the core practices of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

Name Change

Authors who have in the past submitted articles to the Journal of Family Ecology and Consumer Sciences are reminded that the name of this journal has changed to the **Journal of Consumer Sciences (JCS)**.

Submission Policy to the *Journal of Consumer Sciences* (JCS)

Contributions to the Journal of Consumer Sciences should be submitted to the Editor Prof Elizabeth Kempen via email at kempeel@unisa.ac.za. Articles submitted for consideration by the journal should be aligned to the scope of the journal.

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