

GENEALOGY STANDARDS COMPARISON CHART

NEW VERSUS Old STANDARDS BOARD for CERTIFICATION of GENEALOGISTS

Standards in the new *Genealogy Standards*, published in 2014, and their equivalents in *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, published in 2000.

2014 STANDARDS		2000 STANDARDS
CATEGORY	NUMBER AND DESCRIPTOR	NUMBER AND CATEGORY
STANDARDS FOR DOCUMENTING	1. Scope	8 and 17, Data-Collection Standards 36, 49, and 53, Compilation Standards 67, Standards for Writers
	2. Specificity	
	3. Purposes	
	4. Citation uses	
	5. Citation elements	
	6. Format	
	7. Shortcuts	
	8. Separation safeguards	
STANDARDS FOR RESEARCHING: PLANNING RESEARCH	9. Planned research	5, Data-Collection Standards
	10. Effective research questions	37, Compilation Standards
	11. Sound basis	5, Data-Collection Standards 37 and 55, Compilation Standards
	12. Broad context	5, Data-Collection Standards 19, Evidence-Evaluation Standards 37, Compilation Standards
	13. Source-based content	5, Data-Collection Standards 37, Compilation Standards
	14. Topical breadth	5, Data-Collection Standards 19, Evidence-Evaluation Standards 37, Compilation Standards
	15. Efficient sequence	5, Data-Collection Standards
	16. Flexibility	37, Compilation Standards
	17. Extent	5, Data-Collection Standards 19, Evidence-Evaluation Standards 37, Compilation Standards
18. Terminating the plan	5, Data-Collection Standards 37, Compilation Standards	
STANDARDS FOR RESEARCHING: COLLECTING DATA	19. Data-collection scope	19, Evidence-Evaluation Standards
	20. Careful handling	1, Data-Collection Standards
	21. Respect for source caretakers	2, Data-Collection Standards
	22. Using others' work	3–4, Data-Collection Standards
	23. Reading handwriting	6, Data-Collection Standards
	24. Understanding meanings	
	25. Note-taking content	
	26. Distinction between content & comments	7, Data-Collection Standards
	27. Note-taking objectivity	
	28. Images and printouts	9–10, Data-Collection Standards
	29. Transcriptions	11–12, Data-Collection Standards
30. Abstracts	14, Data-Collection Standards	

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COLLECTING DATA, CONTINUED	31. Quotations	13, Data-Collection Standards
	32. Transcribing, abstracting, and quoting principles	11–14, Data-Collection Standards
	33. Paraphrases and summaries	15–16, Data-Collection Standards
	34. Agents	18, Data-Collection Standards
	35. Source analysis	21, Evidence-Evaluation
	36. Information analysis	22, Evidence-Evaluation
STANDARDS FOR RESEARCHING: REASONING FROM EVIDENCE	37. Sources, information, and evidence	21–22 and 29, Evidence-Evaluation
	38. Source preference	21, Evidence-Evaluation
	39. Information preference	22, Evidence-Evaluation
	40. Evidence mining	20 and 29–30, Evidence-Evaluation
	41. Evidence scope	19 and 24, Evidence-Evaluation
	42. Evidence discrimination	25 and 41–42, Evidence-Evaluation
	43. Evidence integrity	25, Evidence-Evaluation
	44. Evidence reliability	25, Evidence-Evaluation
	45. Assumptions	28, Evidence-Evaluation
	46. Evidence independence	33, Evidence-Evaluation
	47. Evidence correlation	20 and 27, Evidence-Evaluation
48. Resolving evidence inconsistencies 49. Unresolved evidence inconsistencies	23 and 34, Evidence-Evaluation	
	26, Evidence-Evaluation 43, 50, and 56, Compilation Standards	
STANDARDS FOR WRITING: GENEALOGICAL PROOFS	51. Research scope	19, Evidence-Evaluation
	52. Proved conclusions	43–48, 50, and 56, Compilation Standards
	53. Selection of appropriate options	70, Standards for Writers
	54. Logical organization	70, Standards for Writers
STANDARDS FOR WRITING: ASSEMBLED RESEARCH RESULTS	55. Integrity and ownership	3–4, Data-Collection Standards
	56. Honesty	47, Compilation Standards
	57. Background information	41, 43, and 48, Compilation Standards
	58. Content	42, Compilation Standards
	59. Proofs included	44–48, Compilation Standards
	60. Overall format	40, Compilation Standards
	61. Structure	35, 40, and 45, Compilation Standards
	62. Clear writing	35, Compilation Standards
	63. Technically correct writing	67, Standards for Writers
	64. Cross referencing	38, Compilation Standards
	65. Genealogical formats	52, Compilation Standards
	66. Biographical information	51, Compilation Standards

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	68. Lineage-society applications	54, Compilation Standards
	69. Source guides	68, Standards for Writers
	70. Methodology guides	69, Standards for Writers
	71. Compiled abstracts	14, Data-Collection Standards
	72. Reviews	71, Standards for Writers
	73. Database programs	72, Standards for Writers
STANDARDS FOR GENEALOGICAL EDUCATORS: LECTURERS AND INSTRUCTORS	74. Planned outcomes	57, Standards for Lecturers 61–62, Standards for Instructors
	75. Content titles	57, Standards for Lecturers 64, Standards for Instructors
	76. Enhancements	58, Standards for Lecturers 64, Standards for Instructors
	77. Bibliographies	59, Standards for Lecturers 65, Standards for Instructors
	78. Presentation style	57, Standards for Lecturers 66, Standards for Instructors
	79. Ownership	60, Standards for Lecturers
	80. Course design	61–62, Standards for Instructors
81. Student evaluation	63, Standards for Instructors	
STANDARDS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION	82. Development goals	74, Standards for Continuing Education
	83. Regular engagement	73, Standards for Continuing Education

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