



ASPET Journals Subscription Tier Definitions

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Tier	Category	Description
1	Academic: High Schools or Pre-Collegiate Academies	Single location, not at the school district level
	Medical/ Health Care Provider: Small	Private practice or private clinic
	Government or Nonprofit: Small	Public library, museum or archive, nonprofit single office non-research government organizations
2	Academic: 2- or 4-year Colleges, Community Colleges or Technical Colleges without Graduate Programs	College or university with no advanced degree program
	Medical/ Health Care Provider: Medium	Community level hospital or outpatient clinic (non-teaching or research)
	Government or Nonprofit: Medium	Charitable organization, professional society, independent research library, local or municipal government office
3	Academic: Medium University & Research Programs	Offering master's and doctorate programs, with a student population of less than 25,000
	Medical/ Health Care Provider: Large	Teaching or research hospital
	Government or Nonprofit : Large	Government agency or research institution (single site)
	Corporate: Small Pharmaceutical	Single-site pharmaceutical company
4	Academic: Very Large Universities	Centrally administered large academic institution with a student population of over 25,000
5	Academic: University Systems	Centrally administered large academic institution with two or more campuses in the same city, or consortia of academic libraries (includes groups of libraries that share access or large state-wide licenses)
	Medical/ Health Care Provider: Very Large	Single- or multiple-site university comprised of a faculty of medicine and a teaching hospital, or consortia of medical libraries and hospitals (includes group of libraries that engage in shared access)
	Government or Nonprofit: Very Large	Centrally administered large research institution with one or more locations in the same city, or large nonprofit/government research institutes using a shared network, or national license
	Corporate: Large Pharmaceutical	For-profit organizations and corporations with a domestic presence in several locations or an international presence in several countries
Consortia (C)	Special Consortia	CAPES, CAUL, etc.
Custom Multi-Site (MS)	Multi-Site Organizations	Tier 3 organizations with multiple locations that are not Tier 4 or 5 institutional subscribers.