

Official Methods of Analysis (OMA) Online User Guide

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OMA online provides access to the AOAC Official Methods of Analysis 18th Edition.

The 18th edition features significant new and revised material since the last major printing in 2000. Numerous references and suppliers have been updated providing access to more current information. This online OMA will be a “continuous edition”. New and revised methods will be posted as soon as they are approved and ready.

GETTING STARTED

To access the OMA Online database go to the [Hunter Library Online](#) website. Click on the [Databases and eBooks](#) link and then select [OMA Online](#) from the list of available resources.

OMA Online will open in a new window. On the first screen select Login and enter the database utilising the password and login. These are available from your campus library.

SEARCHING

After logging in the Welcome Screen displays. Click on the [Search all methods](#) link and choose one of the following searches:

Search by keyword: Type your search term in the box provided and select to search using one of the following methods:

- This exact phrase
- Any of these words
- All of these words

Words entered are matched against Method names; types; analytes; techniques; matrices and various other parameters.

Category Search: Allows combination searches utilising the categories of: analytes, matrices, techniques, approval bodies and method numbers. Within each area multiple choices can be made.

Full Text Search: Searches for the specified word or phrase in the method article (but not the method title).

Advanced Search: Combines elements of the preceding searches (Text, Category, and Full Text). For a result, all conditions set in the search boxes must be met.

RESULTS AND PRINTING/SAVING/EMAILING

After searching a list of methods will come up. Select the method you require by clicking on the title. The next screen provides full information on the method. Click on **Access This Method** at bottom of description. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader installed to view the document.

Printing, Saving, Emailing and other options are available on the Acrobat Reader Toolbar located just above the method.

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