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The Wellcome Trust and RCUK revised public access policies came into effect on 1 April 2013. These funders will require a CC-BY license when their funds are used to pay open access article processing charges.

Nature Communications will offer CC-BY licenses at an APC of \$5200, for authors submitting manuscripts on or after 1 April. Two non-commercial CC license options remain available, and the APC for these has been reduced to \$4800, from the current APC of \$5000.

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