Council of Science Editors Style Guide

This is a VERY basic overview of how to cite information in CSE style, presenting information for the Name/Year version of citing. All information is from the CSE’s Scientific Style and Format, 7th ed (p. 490-575). It is located in the Reference section, T11 .S386 2006. For specific questions, refer to the style manual.

Preparing Citations

Citing a Book
Example:

Citing a Journal Article (Print)
Author(s). Date. Article title. Journal Title. Volume(issue):location.

* Journal Titles
These should be abbreviated according to ISO 4 standards. The NCBI database is a good resource for finding these abbreviations. Go to http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals. Type in the journal title. It will give you the title abbreviation.
Example:

Citing a Journal Article from a Database
Author(s). Date. Title of article. Title of journal [Internet]. [Date updated; date cited];volume(issue):location. Notes.
Example:
Citing a Webpage
Author(s). Date of publication. Title of homepage [Internet]. Place of publication: publisher; [date updated; date cited]. Notes.
If no date of publication is included and a copyright date is, list it as cYear.
Example:

In Text Citations
- (Author Year)
- (Hudson 2007)

Two authors
- (Author and Author year)
- (Hudson and Smith 2008)

3 or more authors
- (Author et al. Year)
  (Hudson et al 2009)

No author
- (First word of title…Year)
- (Lumbar…2007)

No date
- (Author [date unknown])
- (Hudson [date unknown])

Preparing the Bibliography
Whenever possible, cite only the primary source of information, not secondary sources. Primary sources can be located using the author’s bibliography and the library.

Citations should be listed in alphabetic order based on the primary author’s last name. For works with no stated author, place work in list based on the first word of the title (ignoring words such as “a” or “the”).