

Extension Peer Reviewed Publications

Decision Tree



This checklist and decision tree will help the author to determine whether peer review process is appropriate for a publication. Start with the checklist and use the results in the decision tree. This peer review process is complementary to the 4-H and other program area systems for peer-reviewed curriculum and program development. If you have questions about which system to use, please consult with your program leader or supervisor.

Part 1:

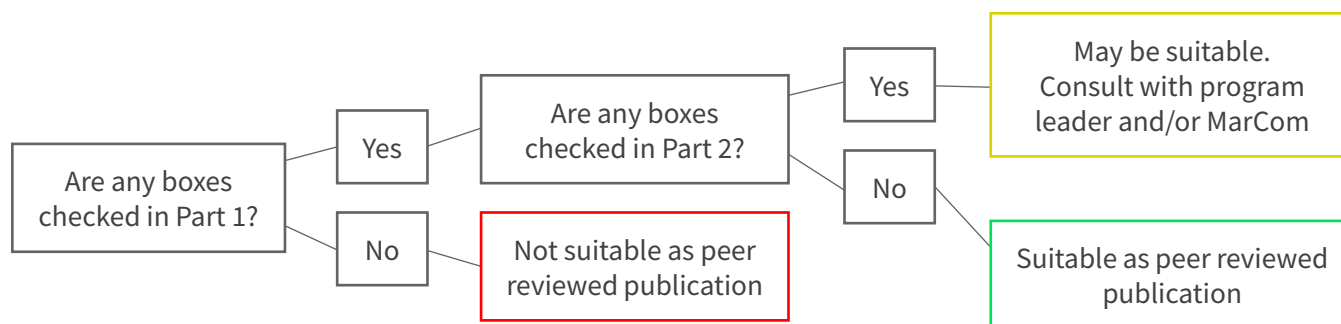
Qualities that make the peer-reviewed publication process appropriate:

- Educational material is intended as reference, with an expected “shelf life” of 12 months or more
- On controversial or contested topic that isn’t considered “time sensitive”
- Presents scientific evidence

Part 2:

Qualities that may make the peer-reviewed publication process inappropriate:

- Content is time-sensitive
- Content is likely to need updating regularly
- Content presents experiential information rather than scientific evidence
- Content presents information available from government or agency sources (use technical review instead)



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