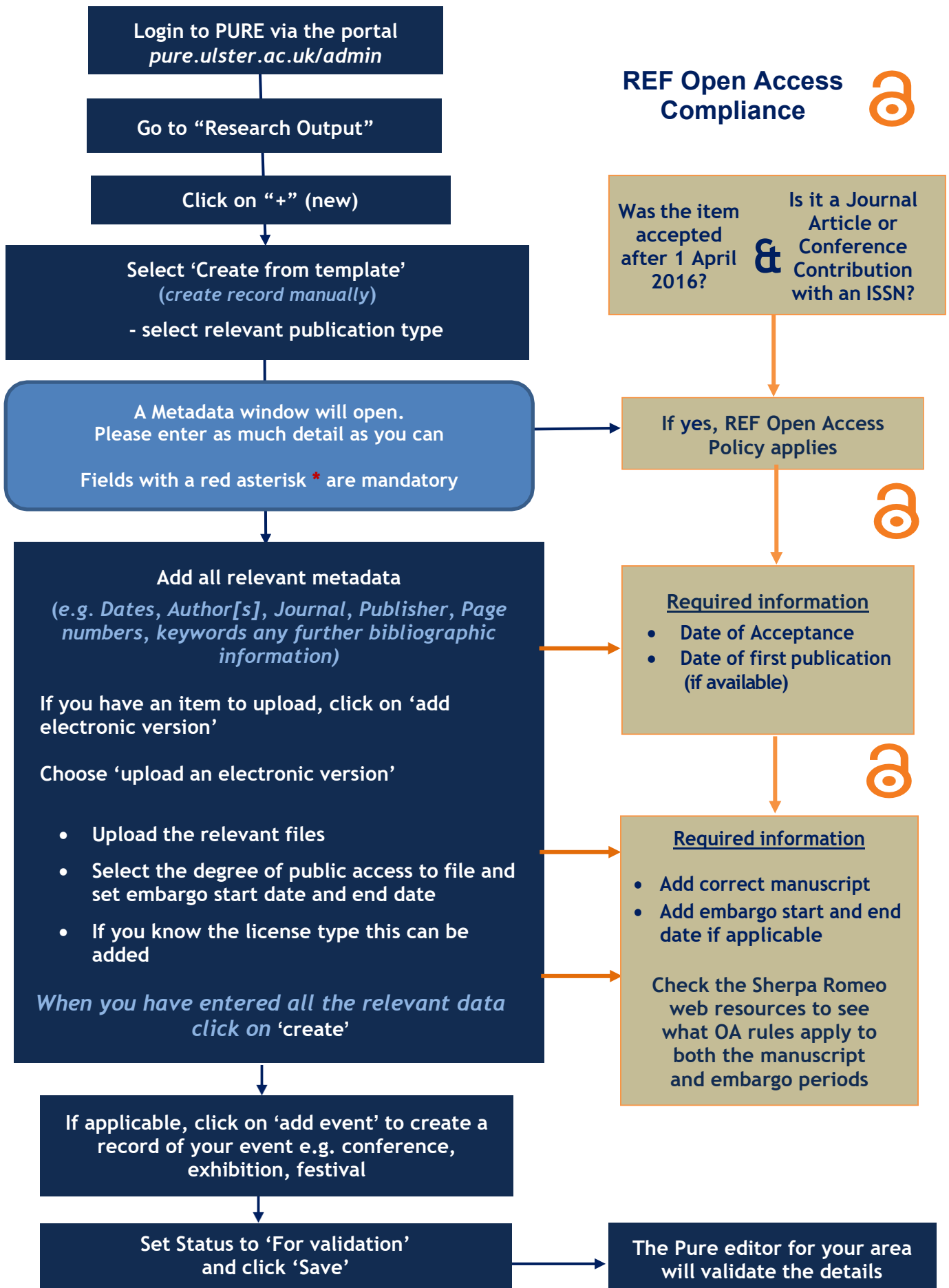


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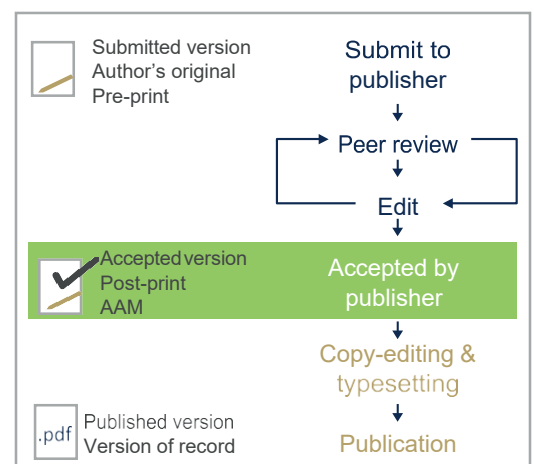
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- All academically necessary changes have been made in response to that review;
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(Elsevier, 2017)



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