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Becoming a member of CAL

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Who can be a member?

Membership of Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) is free to all print rightsholders and does not involve any assignment of rights to CAL.

You are a 'rightsholder' if you own or control the right to reproduce and/or communicate copies of any print copyright work.

CAL offers two types of membership: author membership and publisher membership. To be an author member, you must own or control the rights in copyright works. To be a publisher member, you must own or control the rights in works and published editions.

Benefits of membership

Benefits include:

- Centralised licensing of the right to copy your works, at commercial rates, in areas where it would be impractical for you to do this yourself.
- Entitlement to claim moneys from CAL's distributions if, according to records kept for CAL, your works have been copied.
- Representation by collecting societies similar to CAL in countries such as the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France and Canada, in the same way that those societies represent the interests of the rightsholders they represent.
- Representation of your interests in areas such as copyright law reform at a national and international level. CAL is a member of the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO) and an associate member of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC).
- CAL is also frequently invited to participate in meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). WIPO is an agency of the United Nations. It is responsible for administering international intellectual property instruments such as the Berne Convention. These organisations provide an international voice for societies representing the interests of copyright owners.
- Access to a contact and referral point for your copyright problems.
- Information on matters of concern to authors and publishers.

Membership of CAL does not guarantee payment for copying of your works, however, you will be entitled to claim moneys from a CAL distribution if your works appear in copying records collected in CAL's sample surveys.

Membership of CAL is free.

Who is CAL?

Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) is a not-for-profit company set up by Australian authors, journalists, visual artists, photographers and publishers to manage part of their copying and communication rights. CAL is owned by its members, membership is free and members give CAL a non-exclusive licence in respect of their works.

Code of Conduct

CAL is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for Copyright Collecting Societies (the Code). It is designed to ensure that the rights of all members and licensees are clearly stated, and that the operations of collecting societies are transparent and accessible.

The Code includes requirements for the Complaints Handling and Dispute Resolution procedures that collecting societies must follow. The Code and these procedures are available from CAL's website and on request.