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The statutory licence for copying by Commonwealth, State and Territory government departments and agencies

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Government use of copyright material

The statutory licence allows Commonwealth, State and Territory (Crown) government departments, agencies and persons authorised by the Crown to make copies for the services of the Crown.

By providing a statutory licence for governments, the *Copyright Act 1968* (the Act) aims to balance the copying needs of governments in Australia with the rights of authors and other creators to earn a living.

What is CAL's role?

Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) is a not for profit company, limited by guarantee, which centrally manages the copyright of thousands of authors, journalists, surveyors, photographers, visual artists and publishers. CAL is the copyright collecting society declared by the Copyright Tribunal to administer the statutory licence for copying by Commonwealth, State and Territory government departments and agencies.

CAL also has copying agreements with quasi-government bodies, corporations, associations, religious organisations, press clipping agencies and document delivery suppliers.

Who is the Commonwealth or State?

All Commonwealth, State and Territory government departments and agencies are eligible to copy under the statutory licence. However, to confirm that a particular agency or department is included you will need to contact your government representative. Please contact CAL's Government Licensing team for details.

What can be copied?

Any literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work may be copied provided the copying is done for the services of the Crown.

Payment and survey

An independently designed copying survey of a sample of government departments provides a valid and reliable estimate of copying done for the services of the government. The results help determine the annual licence fee payable by each department and agency and the distribution of those funds to the appropriate copyright owners.

Who is CAL?

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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.