

Adult and community learning (ACL)

Significant enhancements to the CLA licence

Introduction

CLA is delighted to announce it has made available an enhanced Trial Scanning Licence available to all Adult and Community Education and Learning (ACL) Licensees. Feedback from the ACL sector demonstrated interest in improving the current photocopying only licence to include digital copying rights.

The new Licence will permit the creation of Digital Copies made from print originals owned by the licensee, and for those Digital Copies to be used with technologies such as digital whiteboards, within Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs), email, fax, etc.

CLA has worked closely with NIACE and the AoC-NILTA on the proposed enhancements.

Background

Adult and community education and learning (ACL) maintained by Local Authorities was licensed by CLA via its Adult Education Licence. This licence covered photocopying only and excluded all digital use (e.g. scanning and retyping) of print resources.

Sector Demand

Existing ACL licensees had raised with CLA (via licensee workshops and direct contact) the possibility of improving the licence to match the current FE Trial Scanning Licence. CLA was keen to respond to this demand by extending the rights granted under the ACL licence to encompass, in particular, scanning and retyping. This will permit the creation of digital copies made from print originals owned by the licensee and for those digital copies to be used with technologies like digital whiteboards and within networked learning platforms like Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs).

Representative Organisations

CLA has worked closely with sector representative organisations like AoC, AoC-NILTA and NIACE as well as with rightsholder representatives. It was clear that NIACE and AoC-NILTA welcomed an enhanced licence in place as soon as possible.

The New Licence

- The current ACL photocopying-only licence has been enhanced and updated to include provision for the creation of digital copies.
- ACL providers who are members of the Association of Colleges (AoC) will benefit from a discounted licence fee.
- The new licence will come on stream from 1st November 2007
- The enhanced licence simply replaces the older photocopying-only licence rather than be an optional licence. CLA has economies of scale considerations which, unfortunately, make offering an enhanced licence on an optional basis to the ACL sector unviable.
- The licence will run on a trial basis initially. This is, in part, so that the data recording and reporting requirements of the trial can be improved in light of surveys conducted by the CLA during 2007 on digital copying practice within the further education sector.