



The Copyright
Licensing Agency



About The Copyright Licensing Agency

Providing access, protecting creativity



The Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd (CLA) licenses organisations for photocopying, scanning and digital reuse of articles and extracts from print and digital publications.

This includes magazines, books, journals, electronic and online publications, as well as press cuttings or documents supplied by a licensed third party. Our licences provide a cost effective way to manage the risk associated with using and reproducing copyright materials.

Copyright law

CLA is a licensing body as defined by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 and issues collective licences on behalf of copyright holders.

Who needs a licence?

With very few exceptions, any organisation photocopying, scanning or digitally reproducing material from copyright publications is likely to need a licence to ensure legal compliance. Our licences will help to reduce the risk and potential cost of copyright infringement. This requirement applies to organisations in the business, education, government and charitable sectors.

What can be copied?

A CLA licence is the only way to get blanket clearance and enables you (within limits) to copy what you want, when you want, rather than having to obtain permission from the copyright owners each time.

Our licences permit copying from most titles published in the UK plus publications from 30 international territories including USA, Canada, South Africa and the major European countries.



Where does the money go?

We are non profit-making so all the money we collect in licence fees is distributed to the copyright owners after our costs have been deducted.

We undertake surveys and audits of licensed organisations to help us to pay the authors, publishers, and visual creators whose work is being copied.



Benefits of a CLA licence

- Allows the copying of content from most UK publications and those from 30 other countries.
- Reduces the risk and the potential cost of copyright infringement.
- Offers the only way to get blanket cover so you don't have to seek permission from each copyright owner individually.
- Provides the convenience and certainty of a single transaction with one annual fee.

Protecting creativity

We aim to obtain fair reward for authors, visual creators and publishers for the copying of their work. By supporting them in this way CLA plays a part in maintaining the value of their work and helps sustain creativity.

This protection has helped the UK's creative industries grow to support millions of jobs and generate 6.4% of UK GVA whilst enriching all our cultural lives.

To find out more about how copyright affects your organisation or to apply for a licence, simply call us on 0800 085 6644, email licence@cla.co.uk or visit www.cla.co.uk

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