



COPYRIGHT POLICY

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1 PURPOSE

This policy defines the framework within which all staff must operate in order to conform to the legal requirements of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended) and the College's copyright licences.

2 SCOPE

The policy applies to all materials, as defined by the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended), which may be used for learning, teaching, instruction, administration or management whether in analogue or digital form and whether intended for use within the College or as part of work on behalf of external agencies

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 The College:

- is aware that copyright is a legal, as well as a moral, right and that copyright holders are entitled to fair protection and compensation for the work that they produce
- is also aware of the value of its own copyright material and will take necessary action to protect the intellectual property rights invested in it, or in its members, staff and students
- states that the responsibility for adhering to the requirements of the copyright licences and legislation rests wholly with individual members of staff
- will ensure that all members of staff are made aware of their responsibilities regarding copyright, the neglect of which may result in disciplinary action
- will make provision for such advice, training and support as is necessary to ensure that all staff can operate effectively within the scope of the copyright licences and legislation
- will ensure that any changes to copyright legislation or to the terms and conditions of the various educational copyright licences are communicated to staff and training provided if required

3.2 The individual (Dundee and Angus College staff members):

- has agreed to comply with this policy and any subsequent amendments that reflect changes in the legislation
- understands that infringement of copyright may expose the individual member of staff to legal action and claims for substantial damages.
- understands that infringement of copyright may have a negative impact on the reputation of Dundee and Angus College.
- understands that no staff member may reproduce copyright works other than to the extent permitted by law or by the appropriate licences held by the College or by written permission from the copyright owner and that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action

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- understands that the individual member of staff is responsible for ensuring that the correct permissions have been obtained before reproducing any copyrighted work

3.3 College Licences

The Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended) allow rights holders to come together to establish licencing bodies that issue licences on a collective and blanket basis.

For more information on the terms and conditions of these licences, please contact the Digital Services Manager.

3.4 Support and Training

Due to the complex and ever-changing nature of copyright legislation and the licences that the College subscribe to, staff should always seek advice and or clarification before using any protected copyright works.

The Digital Services Manager is the primary contact for all copyright legalisation and licensing enquires at Dundee and Angus College.

The Digital Hub Team Leaders can also provide general guidance and support on a wide range of copyright issues. In addition, they can signpost various copyright materials that can be used in the creation of learning and teaching resources.

Information on using and creating Open Educational Resources under Creative Commons Licences can also be provided by the Digital Services team.

Staff who wish to learn more about copyright can apply to attend a range of CPD events provided by the sector throughout the year.

Mandatory staff training may be required after changes to the law or College licences.

4 REFERENCES

- [Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 \(as amended\)](#)
- [Educational Recording Agency](#) (ERA)
- [Intellectual Property Office](#)