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Copyright licence for celebrants

The licence

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Copyright Agency collects licence fees for the reuse of text and images and distributes these as copyright royalty payments to its members.

How it works

The licence allows celebrants to copy and digitally communicate literary works for the purposes of preparing and conducting a ceremony.

You are also permitted to digitally store material for future use in ceremonies while you are a financial member of CCA.

This licence is centrally administered by CCA which enables an easier and more cost-effective way of copyright compliance for individual celebrants.

You benefit from a significant financial discount by having the licence included in your membership.

What we do with the licence fees

As a not-for-profit organisation, Copyright Agency distributes approximately 85c in every dollar collected from licence fees to creators, authors, publishers and journalists. This allows our members to continue to develop new, high-quality content that will be available for you to use.



What the celebrants copyright licence allows

For the purposes of conducting or preparing a ceremony

- Photocopying or making a digital copy of a work
- Making a work available in a PowerPoint or other visual presentation
- Share a digital copy with a client by email

Additional rights for sharing Australian newspaper articles with the public

- Display up to 12 Australian newspaper articles on your own website at a time for up to 12 months.
- Post up to 12 Australian newspaper articles on your social media channels, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, X and Instagram, each year

If the work is commercially available, you can only copy a certain amount of it

- **Books** – The greater of one chapter or 10% of the pages
- **Electronic works, including websites** – Up to 10% of the number of words

What the celebrants copyright licence doesn't allow

The licence does not cover

- Song lyrics (including hymns) or sheet music
- Audio recordings, music or motion pictures
- Photographs or other artistic works from within a newspaper article separately from the text.

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Copyright Agency provides an indemnity against copying of non-member works.

This means that if a copyright infringement claim is made against you for the use a work which does not belong to a Copyright Agency member then Copyright Agency will indemnify the celebrant or the association up to a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of the licence fees paid since the inception of the licence.

The work cannot be one which is on the **Copyright Agency Excluded Works list** and must be used in accordance with the licence.

Excluded works

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What else do I need to do to ensure I'm copyright compliant?

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