

How do I avoid breaching copyright legislation?

Module focus

- how copyright applies to teaching

Module outcomes

- you will be aware of where to find out what you can and can't do when you want to copy material for use in your teaching

'I'm not certain what I can copy and use. But I want my students to have access to really good learning resources. What if I want to use handouts? There is so much uncertainty.'

Take a moment to reflect on this issue.

What challenges does this pose for *your* teaching?

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Possible solutions

1. If in doubt, check the relevant regulations – both Deakin's and the relevant Australian legislation.
2. If there is any doubt contact Deakin's copyright compliance section - <http://www.deakin.edu.au/kmd/copyright/index.php>.

Example:

- Q. As a Tutor at Deakin, am I allowed to photocopy a case study from a textbook for distribution to every student in my class? This question is based on the assumption that the case study represents less than 10% of the textbook, that the source will be acknowledged on the photocopied handout, and that it is being used for educational purposes.
- A. Copyright is measured over the duration of the unit. As long as no-one else teaching the unit is already providing material from the same book to students you are OK. The 10% limit has to be measured against this limit.

More help

Here are some resources from which you may seek some advice. They are all annotated so as to assist you in making judgements about what might be useful advice for your particular teaching context. By exploring some or all of these resources, you may well be able to generate strategies to suit your particular circumstances.

1. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/kmd/copyright/index.php> - is Deakin's guide to how copyright legislation affects your work as an academic.
2. <http://cavs.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/CopyrightDo's-Don'ts.doc> - Curtin University's clearly set out 'do's and don'ts' of copyright.
3. http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol_act/ca1968133/ - Australia's *Copyright Act 1968*.
4. <http://www.copyright.org.au/publications/infosheets.htm> - the Australian Copyright Council's webpage with a link to a fact sheet on how copyright legislation applies to educational institutions.
5. <http://www.copyright.org.au/publications/infosheets.htm> - the Australian Copyright Council's fact sheet on 'Fair Dealing'.

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If you are uncertain, seek proper advice.