

COPYRIGHT FAQs?

1. How long does copyright last?

Copyright in the published edition lasts for 50 years from the date of publication. This term is still applicable even if a creator passes on.

2. How do I copyright my work?

In South Africa, one does not register copyright (apart from cinematograph films and music). Copyright arises automatically, as you express your ideas on the page.

3. Do I still have to apply even if I copy less than 10%

Yes, the collection agency still has to collect fees (no matter the usage) on behalf of the authors. The law does not say anything about percentages.

4. Am I allowed to copy for private use?

Yes, but no distribution is allowed.

5. Can I copy for only 2 of my students without permission?

No, distribution of any kind is permitted.

6. What do I do if the book is out of print?

Contact the copyright office for assistance with requesting permission.

7. Can I copy from newspapers and magazines?

Newspapers and magazines have their copyright management processes, contact the publisher directly or the copyright office for assistance with this.

8. Do I still need to apply if I only attach the link to an article?

No, this is most advisable as it is compliant and there is no distribution of the actual material.

9. I'll only be posting on Blackboard; do I still need to apply for clearance?

No, all copyright content must be cleared with DALRO no matter the intended use.

10. I applied last year; do I still need to apply even though there are no changes in my course content?

Yes, Clearance applies per academic period.

11. I do not see my department or modules on the system, what should I do?

Contact the copyright office for assistance.

12. The print room is requesting an authorization number, what should I do?

Contact the copyright office for assistance.