Do Schools need to comply?

Yes. Copyright is governed by the Commonwealth *Copyright Act 1968* (Copyright Act) and the Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000. There are a range of areas where schools use copyright material.

**Conditions of compliance:**

Copyright covers text, artistic works, dramatic works, musical works, computer programs, broadcasts, published editions, sound recordings and films. Copyright is infringed when copyright owners’ rights are exercised without their permission.

**If you have to comply, what do you have to do?**

Schools should be aware of their obligations under the *Copyright Act 1968* and the exceptions for Fair Dealing, Flexible Dealing and Educational Exceptions. Schools can also purchase a range of licences. AISSA collects fees from member schools on behalf of the following agencies.

- CAL (paper and digital copying)
- Screenrights (Broadcast licence, audio and visual recording)
- AMCOS (print music copy)
- AMCOS/ARIA (music and sound recording)
- APRA (Public performance)

Information for schools on their obligations is available on the [Smartcopying Website](#).

**What are the consequences if you don’t comply?**

You may be taken to court by the Australian Copyright Council or one of the agencies for breach of the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) or the Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000 (Cth) and may have to pay a fine and damages.

**Useful links:**

- APRA/AMCOS
- Australian Copyright Council
- *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth)
- *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000* (Cth)
- Copyright Agency Limited
- Smartcopying Website
- Screenrights