ITEM COPYING OF RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS INTENDED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

POLICY

The *Copyright Amendment Act*, 1989, introduced a Part VA into the *Copyright Act*, 1968. This permits educational institutions to copy off-air for educational purposes by way of a statutory licence. The Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training has agreed to pay equitable remuneration to the Audio-Visual Copyright Society (AVCS) Limited for copies of broadcasts made by the department or on its behalf.

The department has also agreed to pay an indemnity to AVCS to cover copying done between 1 July 1984 and 1 July 1990. This means that schools can retain existing copies of radio and television broadcasts. However copies made prior to 1 July 1990 may not be recopied.

The licence does not apply to the copying of prerecorded material, i.e. non-broadcasts, such as audio or video cassettes, compact discs and records. Copying of prerecorded material is strictly prohibited.

Staff are directed to *Copyright – Use of copyright materials in schools.*

Copying of copyright material outside of the provisions set out in this Guide is not permitted under the licence agreement. However, there is nothing to prevent the school or an officer from negotiating directly with the copyright holder and securing the necessary approvals. It must be noted that under these circumstances, the institution concerned is responsible for the payment of any fees incurred.

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