

2017 DISTRIBUTION OF LICENCE FEES FROM GOVERNMENTS

Copyright Agency receives licence fees for ‘internal’ uses of copyright content by public servants under agreements with the Commonwealth and States and Territories.

Copyright Agency has received limited data about usage of content by the government sector in recent years. Recent distributions have therefore been largely based on data from other sources.

There are two changes in this distribution compared to the 2016 distribution:

- the amount set aside for images (which will be distributed in 2018) is solely for ‘third party’ images (in which copyright is not owned by a publisher).
- a small distribution of licence fees from pre-schools (approximately \$8,000) will be distributed at the same time.

The amount for distribution is \$4.08m (excluding the amount set aside for images) for the licence period January to December 2016.

We have allocated the licence fees by:

1. Conducting a survey of government employees about their copying and sharing of classes of content (e.g. books) in the previous 24 hours;
2. Apportioning the licence fees into ‘pools’ for books, journals, newspapers and images;
3. Identifying the best currently available sources of data for each pool; and
4. Selecting data from each source

The sources of data were:

books	1. titles that libraries have lent to, or copied for, governments; and 2. titles held in libraries, and titles listed in Copyright Agency’s database, that have similar subject matter to titles lent to, or copied for, governments
journals	Titles in Copyright Agency’s database with similar subject matter to titles that libraries have lent to, or copied for, governments.
newspapers	Digital press clippings supplied to governments.

SHARING PAYMENTS

We send recipients a [payment summary](#) and a [payment spreadsheet](#) with each payment. If Column H (publication name) of the [payment spreadsheet](#) says ‘works available under licence’, you are **not** required to share the payment.

On the other hand, if there is information on the spreadsheet that identifies a publication or work and an obligation to share the payment, then you should share that payment in accordance with your contractual obligations. You are not required to share with rightsholders of images, however, given that there will be a separate distribution for images.

MORE INFORMATION

Please email memberservices@copyright.com.au or call 1800 066 844 if you need assistance. You can also get information about payments from our website:

- [Distribution schedule](#)
- [Distribution policy](#)
- [Administrative fees](#)