

Copyright Policy

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Copyright in Canada is regulated by the federal Copyright Act.

How long does copyright last?

Copyright lasts for the lifetime of the owner of the copyright, plus 50 years after their death. Then the work becomes part of the public domain.

Public domain means no exclusive intellectual property rights apply (essentially it belongs to everybody and nobody).

If something is on the Internet, isn't it in the public domain?

The Internet is just another way of publishing content, and content posted online is NOT in the public domain.

Who owns the copyright?

The author (the creator of the original expression of a work) is also the owner of copyright unless the author assigns the copyright to another person or entity. In cases of works made for hire, the employer or commissioning party is considered to be the author/copyright owner.

In general, the copyright of any content created with the use of CCS equipment, facilities, or resources to the CCS.

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Who owns the copyright of content presented at an educational event?

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Who owns the copyright of content presented at a workshop or plenary?

Copyright would remain with the presenter.

Who owns the copyright of conference abstracts published in CJC?

Conference abstracts are treated similarly to open-access content in that the author retains ownership of the copyright to the work.

How do we show that we own the copyright of a work?

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