

Duration of copyright

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Type of material	Factors affecting duration	Copyright expired as at 1 January 2019 if	Otherwise, duration is
Literary, dramatic, musical works (other than computer programs) ^[1]	Made public before death of author	Author died before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Life of author + 70 years
Literary, dramatic, musical works (other than computer programs) ^[1]	Made public after author's death and before 1 January 2019	Made public before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Literary, dramatic, musical works (other than computer programs) ^[1]	Made public after author's death and on or after 1 January 2019	Author died before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Life of author + 70 years
Literary, dramatic, musical works (other than computer programs) ^[1]	Never made public	Author died before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Life of author + 70 years
Computer programs ^[1]		Author died before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Life of author + 70 years
Artistic works other than engravings or photographs ^[4]		Author died before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Life of author + 70 years
Engravings ^[5]	Made public before death of author	Author died before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Life of author + 70 years
Engravings ^[5]	Made public after author's death and before 1 January 2019	Made public before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Engravings ^[5]	Made public after author's death and on or after 1 January 2019	Author died before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Life of author + 70 years
Engravings ^[5]	Never made public	Author died before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Life of author + 70 years
Photographs ^[6]		Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Life of author + 70 years

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Works where the author is unknown (other than photographs) ^[1]	Made public before 1 January 2019	Made public before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Works where the author is unknown (other than photographs) ^[1]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 and within 50 years of being made	Made before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Year first made public + 70 years
Works where the author is unknown (other than photographs) ^[1]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 but not within 50 years of being made	Made before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Year made + 70 years
Works where the author is unknown (other than photographs) ^[1]	Never made public	Made before 1 January 1949 ^[3]	Year made + 70 years
Photographs where the author is unknown ^[6]	Made public before 1 January 2019	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Photographs where the author is unknown ^[6]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 and within 50 years of being made	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Photographs where the author is unknown ^[6]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 but not within 50 years of being made	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year made + 70 years
Photographs where the author is unknown ^[6]	Never made public	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year made + 70 years
Sound recordings ^[7]	Made public before 1 January 2019	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Sound recordings ^[7]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 and within 50 years of being made	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year first made public + 70 years
Sound recordings ^[7]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 but not within 50 years of being made	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year made + 70 years
Sound recordings ^[7]	Never made public	Made before 1 January 1955 ^[2]	Year made + 70 years



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Cinematograph films (made on or after 1 May 1969) ^[8]	Made public before 1 January 2019	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Cinematograph films (made on or after 1 May 1969) ^[8]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 and within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Cinematograph films (made on or after 1 May 1969) ^[8]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 but not within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Cinematograph films (made on or after 1 May 1969) ^[8]	Never made public	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Broadcasts ^[9]		n/a	Year of broadcast + 50 years
Published editions ^[10]		First published before 1 January 1994	Year edition first published + 25 years
Copyright material made or first published by an international organization ^[11]	Made public before 1 January 2019	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Copyright material made or first published by an international organization ^[11]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 and within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Copyright material made or first published by an international organization ^[11]	Made public on or after 1 January 2019 but not within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Copyright material made or first published by an international organization ^[11]	Never made public	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Editions first published by international organization ^[12]		First made public before 1 January 1994	Year edition first made public + 25 years

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Works where the author is known ^[1]		n/a	Life of author + 70 years
Works where the author is unknown ^[1]	Made public within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Works where the author is unknown ^[1]	Not made public within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Sound recordings ^[7]	Made public within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Sound recordings ^[7]	Not made public within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Cinematograph films ^[8]	Made public within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year first made public + 70 years
Cinematograph films ^[8]	Not made public within 50 years of being made	n/a	Year made + 70 years
Broadcasts ^[9]		n/a	Year of broadcast + 50 years
Published editions ^[10]		n/a	Year edition first published + 25 years
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Editions first published by an international organization ^[12]		n/a	Year edition first made public + 25 years



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Works made, or first published, by the Commonwealth, or a State or Territory ^[13]		Made before 1 January 1969 ^[3]	Year made + 50 years
Sound recordings ^[14]		Made before 1 January 1969 ^[3]	Year made + 50 years
Cinematograph films (made on or after 1 May 1969) ^[15]		n/a	Year made + 50 years

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