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# Copyright and Higher Degree Students

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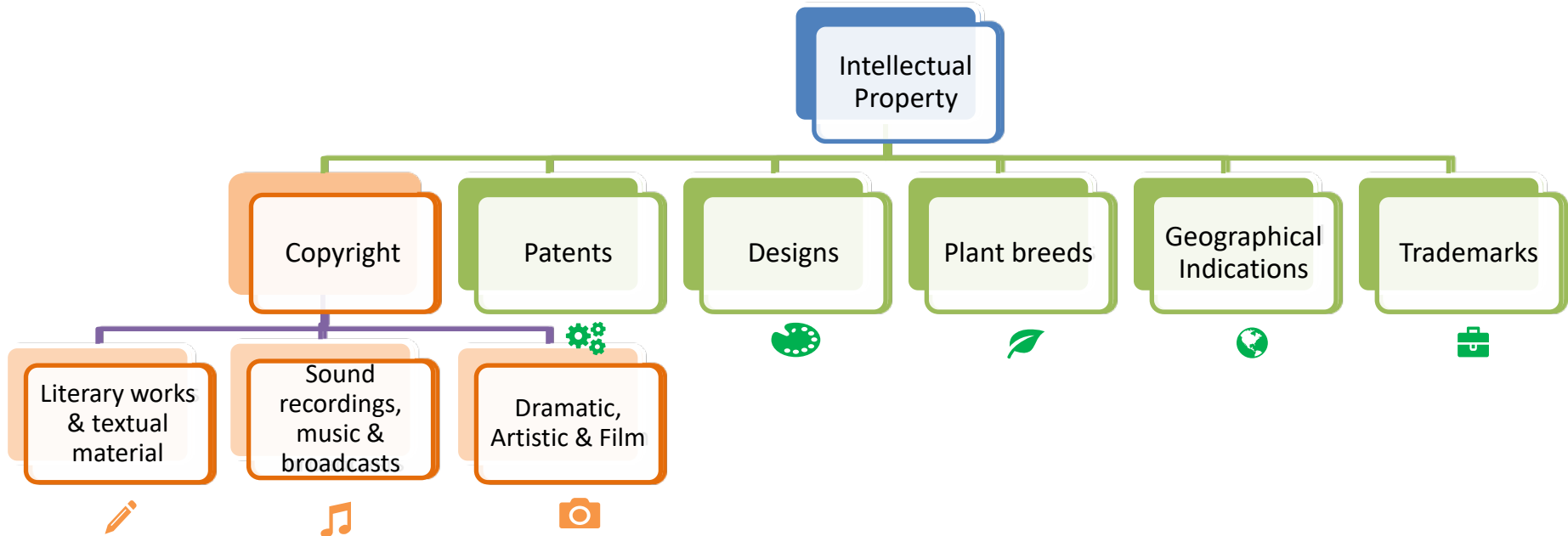
# The Library Copyright Team

Lots of information at the **Copyright at Curtin** Website

<http://copyright.curtin.edu.au>

Email: [Library-Copyright@curtin.edu.au](mailto:Library-Copyright@curtin.edu.au)

# What is Copyright?



# Copyright holders vs users



**Copyright  
Holder**

reproduce

HAS THE RIGHT TO

play or  
perform

communicate

adapt or  
translate

publish

THEIR OWN WORK



**User of  
material**

NEEDS TO HAVE

permission

OR

exception

TO USE COPYRIGHTED WORK



# Student permission requirements



You are permitted to **make copies** of work (**10% or 1 chapter**) under the Fair Dealing (research and study) provision of Copyright law

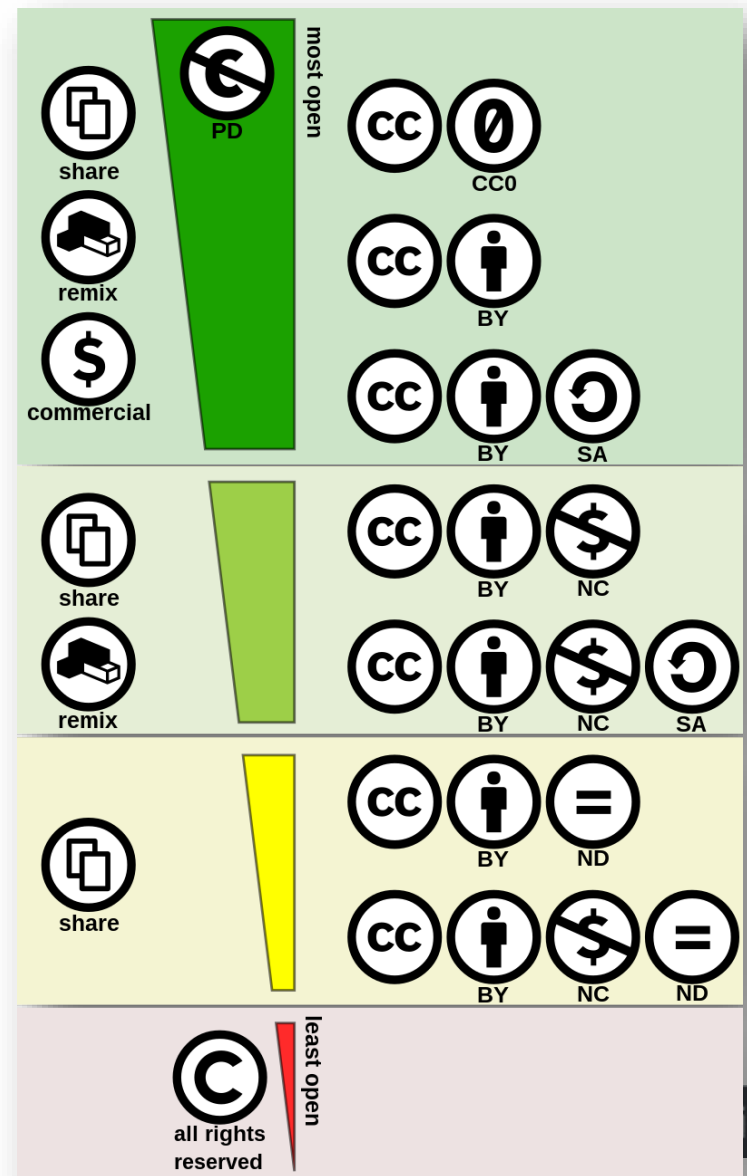


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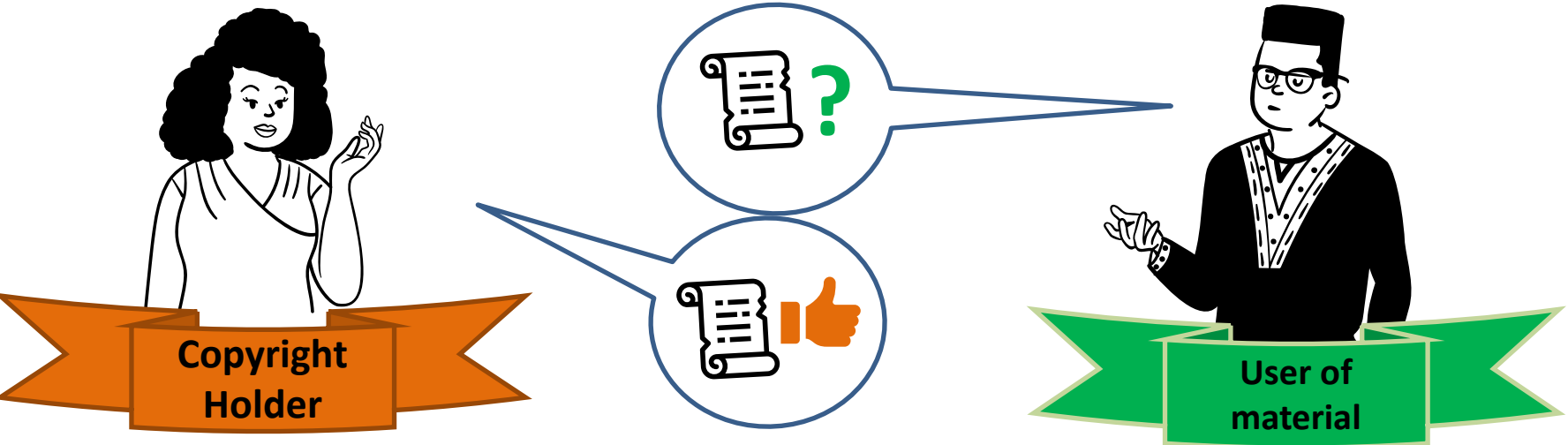
# When permission isn't needed

- Quotes and short excerpts
- 'Fair dealing' for the purpose of criticism and review
- Public Domain content
- Openly licensed content (e.g. Creative Commons)





# Seeking Permission



- Landing page of commercially published journals  
Copyright Clearing House **RightsLinks Service**
- Permission template letter on Copyright at Curtin website
- Start permissions early
- Retain copies of permissions



# Thesis by compilation

- **Publisher agreements vary between publications**
- **Students should always carefully read publisher agreements**
- **Ensure they will be allowed to re-use their own content**
- **Retain copies of agreements**



# Copyright-related questions in University Forms

## Part 1: Student Details

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

There are two online forms students must sign relating to copyright.

Title of Course \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

- Thesis Submission for Examination
- Deposit of Final Thesis

Curtin students and staff are subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Australia Copyright Act 1968. For information on copyright as it applies to Curtin HDR students refer to [Copyright at Curtin](#).

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A sample letter requesting permission to reproduce material in a thesis is available online at [Permissions request template](#).

- Permission statements are included in an appendix to the thesis; or
- No permission statements were required.



# In summary

1. If in doubt, contact the Library Copyright team ([Library-Copyright@curtin.edu.au](mailto:Library-Copyright@curtin.edu.au)).
2. Students will almost always require permission to use third party content.
3. There are some circumstances where permission may not be required.
4. For Thesis by Publication & Hybrid Theses, take special note of publisher agreements.
5. Students have 2 copyright 'sign-offs' in University forms that can be found on the HDR website.

# Further resources

- **Copyright for HDR Students:** assisting both HDR Students and Supervisors successfully navigate copyright obligations associated with Higher Degrees by Research.





# Questions

