



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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SUBSISTENCE, OWNERSHIP AND DURATION OF COPYRIGHT

Introductory

1 Copyright and copyright works.

- (1) Copyright is a property right which subsists in accordance with this Part in the following descriptions of work—
 - (a) original literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works,
 - (b) sound recordings, films [^{F1}or broadcasts], and
 - (c) the typographical arrangement of published editions.
- (2) In this Part “copyright work” means a work of any of those descriptions in which copyright subsists.
- (3) Copyright does not subsist in a work unless the requirements of this Part with respect to qualification for copyright protection are met (see section 153 and the provisions referred to there).

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Words in s. 1(1)(b) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/2498), [reg. 5\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 31-40](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 4](#)
- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988:

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2011/2196 art. 2](#) commences (2007 c. 29)