



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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SUBSISTENCE, OWNERSHIP AND DURATION OF COPYRIGHT

Authorship and ownership of copyright

11 First ownership of copyright.

- (1) The author of a work is the first owner of any copyright in it, subject to the following provisions.
- (2) Where a literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work [^{F1}, or a film,] is made by an employee in the course of his employment, his employer is the first owner of any copyright in the work subject to any agreement to the contrary.
- (3) This section does not apply to Crown copyright or Parliamentary copyright (see sections 163 and 165) or to copyright which subsists by virtue of section 168 (copyright of certain international organisations).

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

F1 Words in s. 11(2) inserted (1.12.1996 with effect in relation to films made on or after 1.7.1994) by [S.I. 1996/2967](#)

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[regs. 18\(3\)](#)

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[S.I. 2018/995](#)
[reg. 5\(3\)](#)
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[2007 c. 15](#)
[s. 143\(3\)\(b\)](#)
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[reg. 15](#)