



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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PART I

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SUBSISTENCE, OWNERSHIP AND DURATION OF COPYRIGHT

Introductory

2 Rights subsisting in copyright works.

- (1) The owner of the copyright in a work of any description has the exclusive right to do the acts specified in Chapter II as the acts restricted by the copyright in a work of that description.
- (2) In relation to certain descriptions of copyright work the following rights conferred by Chapter IV (moral rights) subsist in favour of the author, director or commissioner of the work, whether or not he is the owner of the copyright—
 - (a) section 77 (right to be identified as author or director),
 - (b) section 80 (right to object to derogatory treatment of work), and
 - (c) section 85 (right to privacy of certain photographs and films).

Changes to legislation:

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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)