



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 48

PART I

COPYRIGHT

CHAPTER III

ACTS PERMITTED IN RELATION TO COPYRIGHT WORKS

General

29 Research and private study.

[^{F1}(1) Fair dealing with a ^{F2}... work for the purposes of research for a non-commercial purpose does not infringe any copyright in the work provided that it is accompanied by a sufficient acknowledgement.]

[^{F3}(1B) No acknowledgement is required in connection with fair dealing for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) where this would be impossible for reasons of practicality or otherwise.

(1C) Fair dealing with a ^{F4}... work for the purposes of private study does not infringe any copyright in the work.]

^{F5}(2)

(3) Copying by a person other than the researcher or student himself is not fair dealing if—

[^{F6}(a) in the case of a librarian, or a person acting on behalf of a librarian, that person does anything which is not permitted under section 42A (copying by librarians: single copies of published works), or]

(b) in any other case, the person doing the copying knows or has reason to believe that it will result in copies of substantially the same material being provided to more than one person at substantially the same time and for substantially the same purpose.

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- ^{F7}[(4) It is not fair dealing—
- (a) to convert a computer program expressed in a low level language into a version expressed in a higher level language, or
 - (b) incidentally in the course of so converting the program, to copy it,
- (these acts being permitted if done in accordance with section 50B (decompilation)).]
- [^{F8}(4A) It is not fair dealing to observe, study or test the functioning of a computer program in order to determine the ideas and principles which underlie any element of the program (these acts being permitted if done in accordance with section 50BA (observing, studying and testing)).]
- [^{F9}(4B) To the extent that a term of a contract purports to prevent or restrict the doing of any act which, by virtue of this section, would not infringe copyright, that term is unenforceable.]
- (5) ^{F10}

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** S. 29(1) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), [reg. 9\(a\)](#), (with regs 31-40)
- F2** Words in s. 29(1) omitted (1.6.2014) by virtue of [The Copyright and Rights in Performances \(Research, Education, Libraries and Archives\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1372\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F3** S. 29(1B)(1C) substituted (31.10.2003) for s. 29(1A) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), [reg. 9\(b\)](#) (with regs. 31-40)
- F4** Words in s. 29(1C) omitted (1.6.2014) by virtue of [The Copyright and Rights in Performances \(Research, Education, Libraries and Archives\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1372\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- F5** S. 29(2) omitted (1.6.2014) by virtue of [The Copyright and Rights in Performances \(Research, Education, Libraries and Archives\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1372\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- F6** S. 29(3)(a) substituted (1.6.2014) by [The Copyright and Rights in Performances \(Research, Education, Libraries and Archives\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1372\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F7** S. 29(4) inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233](#), [reg. 7](#)
- F8** S. 29(4A) inserted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), [reg. 9\(d\)](#) (with regs. 31-40)
- F9** S. 29(4B) inserted (1.6.2014) by [The Copyright and Rights in Performances \(Research, Education, Libraries and Archives\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1372\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(1\)\(e\)](#)
- F10** S. 29(5) repealed (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), regs. 2(2), [9\(e\)](#), Sch. 2 (with regs. 31-40)

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- s. 24B(2A) inserted by [2017 c. 30 s. 33\(3\)](#)
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- s. 40A(1ZA) inserted by [2017 c. 30 s. 31\(3\)](#)
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- s. 249(1A) inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 143\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 297C(ba)(bb) and word substituted for word by [S.I. 2008/1277 Sch. 2 para. 44](#)