

Duration of copyright

This table sets out the term of copyright protection in Australia as from 1 January 2005, when changes to Copyright legislation extended the duration of copyright in Australia. Any material for which copyright had expired before 1 January 2005 remains out of copyright.

Type of Material	Factors Affecting Duration	Copyright Expired Before 1 Jan 2005 if	Duration of Copyright if not Expired before 1 Jan 2005
Literary, Dramatic or Musical work (except computer programs)	Made public during creator's life (ie published / performed / broadcast / recorded & offered for sale)	Creator died before 1 January 1955	Life of creator + 70 yrs
	Not made public during creator's life	Made public before 1 January 1955	Year made public + 70 yrs
Artistic works		Creator died before 1 January 1955	Life of creator + 70 yrs
Computer programs		Creator died before 1 January 1955	Life of creator + 70 yrs
Photographs		Taken before 1 January 1955	Life of creator + 70 yrs
Engravings	Published during creator's life	Creator died before 1 January 1955	Life of creator + 70 yrs
	Not published during creator's life	First published before 1 January 1955	Year first published + 70 yrs
Cinematograph films	Made before 1 May 1969	Generally if made before 1 January 1955	Life of cinematographer + 70 yrs
	Made after 1 May 1969	N/A	Year first published + 70 yrs
Sound recordings		Made before 1 January 1955	Year first published + 70 yrs
Broadcasts	Made before 1 May 1969	Not protected at all	Not protected at all
	Made on or after 1 May 1969	N/A	Year made + 50 yrs
Published edition (ie typographical arrangement of a published work)		First published more than 25 yrs ago	Year first published + 25 years