

MAPS Faculty Library Committee 27th June 2014- Library Report

Open Access

There are some changes to information on open access for the next REF. UCL Libraries have just launched new web pages explaining these at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/open-access/ref/>

It includes simple steps for complying with the REF policy, FAQs and a list of exceptions.

Contact the [Open Access Team](#) if you'd like more information, or to arrange a presentation for researchers.

The new REF open access policy affects everyone. Research that's covered by the policy, but does not comply, will not be eligible for REF2020

Changes to British Standards Agreement

JISC (<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/> - Joint Information Systems Committee) have notified us that the British Standards Online agreement has changed this year. It will be more restrictive as it now differentiates between 'Professional' and 'Authorised' users.

The sub-licence introduces a new category of user: the "Professional User". Only the Professional User is permitted to download material from BSOL (British Standards On Line). Previously this permission was granted to all Authorised Users. Professional Users are members of teaching or library staff who have registered as Professional Users through the BSI website. Authorised Users are now permitted only to copy and paste or print material.

Professional Users, members of teaching or library staff, will have to register by completing the online form on the BSI website: <https://bsol.bsigroup.com>

I have included below a statement from JISC explaining why they accepted the new terms:

"Why we agreed to these changes

The nature of the content of BSOL, and in particular its commercial value, means that BSI has always been very restrictive when licensing to the academic sector, and Jisc Collections has had to accept certain conditions of use that are more prohibitive than we would like in order to secure a preferential offer for our members. BSI had reported to us that, under the previous agreement, users in some institutions were infringing the terms by downloading all or substantial numbers of documents from BSOL. Although Jisc Collections always strives to offer the most generous conditions for our members, we as the licensors of BSOL do not wish to see our sub-licensees breach the terms and face the resultant legal proceedings. After protracted negotiations we conceded to this change as the most workable solution to this problem, as it allows a clearer means of monitoring usage and providing an audit trail of any breach"

Quotation and Parody Exceptions- <http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/copyright/>

These exceptions were delayed for further scrutiny and hence did not come into force on 1st June as planned. Both are quite significant for HE. The quotation exception (Copyright, Designs and Patents Act Section 30) is contained in a [draft Statutory Instrument](#) which has just been published and is due to come into force on 1st October 2014.

This is a “fair dealing” exception which permits extracts to be reproduced from any copyright work as long as this is fair dealing. It is no longer restricted to “criticism and review” and now covers quotation for any purpose. Useful features of this exception are:

It applies to quotations from all media, so that it could cover the use of an extract from a film, for example.

Its use is not tied to a particular context: The quotation could appear in a blog post, an academic presentation or a published book, as long as the use of the quotation can be justified in terms of fair dealing.

The Parody exception, in the form of new section 30A to the CDPA 1988, is entirely new to UK copyright law and is included in the same SI. It gives considerable leeway in terms of reproduction for purposes of caricature, parody and pastiche. This will be significant for creative work. Neither of these exceptions can be over-ridden by contract terms.

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