



THE SCREENRIGHTS LICENCE – RECORDING/USING OFF-AIR BROADCASTS

Murdoch University, under provision of the Copyright Act, participates in the Screenrights licensing scheme by which you may copy and communicate a broadcast transmission taken off-air from radio (including podcasts of broadcasts) and TV (including cable and satellite channels).

Copying and communicating broadcast material

You may record any amount of material from off-air broadcasts.

The Screenrights licence requires that any such recording must be labelled with a statement that the copy has been made for Murdoch University under Part VA of the Copyright Act, and with the date of transmission, and the date on which the copy was made (if it differs from the date of transmission).

Whilst the format suggested below goes beyond the requirements, it is useful for referencing information, and provides the details that must be logged in the staff tool when a recording is used in Lectopia, and reported during the Screenrights surveys.

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| <p>Copy made for Murdoch University under Part VA of the Copyright Act</p> <p>title of program:</p> <p>tv channel or radio station:</p> <p>date & time of broadcast:</p> <p>length of recording in minutes:</p> <p>date this copy was made:</p> |
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Screenrights licensed recordings may be played in lectures or tutorials, and may be communicated online to authorised users (i.e. staff and students of the University) when, for instance, delivered via Lectopia using the [Upload to Lectopia Request Form](#).

Screenrights licensed recordings may be copied onto CD-Rom for communication to authorised users. Please contact the copyright coordinator for electronic labelling requirements.

If you record a broadcast at home and want to retain that copy for personal use, you may make a duplicate which then becomes the Screenrights licensed copy for educational purposes.

NB the Library’s Screenrights recordings are identified as such in their catalogue entry, and have a green label on the spine of their cover.

Alternatives to your own recording of a broadcast programme

If you do not have an off-air recording of the material you want to use there are several ways in which you may be able to find such a recording

- [TVNews](#) provides access to news and current affairs from free-to-air broadcasters – the service includes an alert service and downloads of programs. Go into TVNews via the Library’s [Database page](#) then ‘Browse by Title’; see also the Library’s [guide to using TVNews and RequestTV](#).
- [RequestTV](#) makes recordings (24/7) of all the programs broadcast by the free-to-air tv channels. Access to RequestTV is via the Library’s [Database page](#): go in via ‘Browse by Title’; DVDs can be ordered from RequestTV for the Library by any member of staff.

- **enhanceTV** is a website run by Screenrights offering recordings of feature films, documentaries, serials, and so on – all recorded off-air and Screenrights licenced; contact your Subject Librarian for purchases.
- **Tape Services Online** has a wide selection of Screenrights licensed off-air recordings available for a relatively low cost; contact your Subject Librarian for purchases.
- **Your Subject Librarian** can identify whether another university or educational institution has a Screenrights copy of the material you want, and make a request for it to be copied. The other institution will duplicate a copy, at a cost-recovery fee.
- **Audio-Visual Services** will make off-air broadcast recordings if you book in advance; they can also duplicate already recorded broadcast material if you have a personal copy. Contact AVS on 9360.2314 or email avs@murdoch.edu.au.

Using other AV material

The Screenrights licence does **not** cover the copying or communication of commercially purchased or hired videos/DVDs or sound recordings, which are protected by Educational Purposes Licences and/or a number of copyright restrictions. This needs to be taken into consideration when preparing lectures that are to be recorded.

NB The Library's AV items that can be used in Lectopia are labelled with a green sticker. Library catalogue entries for individual AV items will note their permitted educational uses.

Some recording technologies, e.g. MP3s, allow the sound to be turned off when playing copyright protected AV material – so that it is not recorded – but it is important to note that the recording technology used in Lectopia does not allow this. Once recording has started it cannot be stopped in order to avoid copying protected material.

Whilst, usually, you may *play* commercially purchased or hired items in a lecture, if you want to have that lecture *recorded* you are responsible for:

- a) confirming that the item has an appropriate Educational Purposes Licence (e.g. if it is housed in the Library the information will be noted in its catalogue entry, and it will bear a green sticker); or
- b) obtaining permission from the copyright owners – as well as observing their conditions of use and meeting any payments – to record and communicate their material; or
- c) using a technology that enables you to avoid recording the item, e.g. an MP3 recorder.

Recording or copying AV materials without the appropriate licence or copyright owner's permission is an infringement of copyright legislation and can incur severe penalties.

s.200AB of the Copyright Act (as amended in 2006/7) may allow the use of snippets of some commercial AV material in Lectopia: as each use must be judged as a 'special case' please contact the Copyright Coordinator for advice on the application of s.200AB.

For a table setting out the various types of licenced materials and their uses see:

Audio Visual Materials for Teaching – Q & A

For more information on using the Screenrights Licence see:

Screenrights, Lectopia, and AV material

For advice on this or other copyright matters, please contact the Copyright Coordinator on 9360.7491 or at copyright@murdoch.edu.au