

Screenrights licenses schools, TAFEs and universities to copy from television and radio for educational purposes, provided they pay a fee.

The licence is provided for in the Australian Copyright Act, and Screenrights is the non-profit organisation appointed by the Government to administer these provisions. We monitor copying, collect payment and distribute this money to the rightsholders.

This fact sheet looks at copying broadcast material from the Internet under a Screenrights licence.

### Can I copy podcasts or vodcasts?

Podcasts and vodcasts can be copied (ie downloaded) for your educational purposes under a Screenrights licence, provided:

1. the podcast or vodcast is of an Australian free to air broadcast; and
2. it has been made available online by the broadcaster.

Australian free to air television broadcasters currently have the following websites:

ABC: [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au)

SBS [www.sbs.com.au](http://www.sbs.com.au)

Channel 10: [www.ten.com.au](http://www.ten.com.au)

Channel 9: [www.ninensn.com.au](http://www.ninensn.com.au)

Channel 7: <http://au.tv.yahoo.com/tv/>

(also redirected from [www.seven.com.au](http://www.seven.com.au))

With a Screenrights licence, an educational institution can copy broadcast content from these sites for its educational purposes, without infringing copyright.

### We forgot to record a program from television – can I download a copy that has been made available on the Internet?

If the program was an Australian free to air broadcast and made available online by the broadcaster, you can download it from the Internet. However, if it has been made available by someone other than the broadcaster, you cannot download a copy. If you wish to obtain a copy of a program that you forgot to record, you can contact Screenrights' online resource centre for teachers – [www.enhancetv.com.au](http://www.enhancetv.com.au). EnhanceTV records programs for supply to educational institutions with a Screenrights licence.

### What about copying material from other sites, such as Youtube?

The Screenrights licence does not allow educational institutions to copy AV material from sites such as Youtube. Material on these sites may infringe copyright, and institutions should always seek legal advice before downloading from these sites.

### What about downloading TV and radio material from overseas broadcasters' websites?

Educational institutions sometimes wish to download television or radio material from an overseas broadcasters' site (eg via a podcast). In order to do this, the downloaded material must be:

1. of a free to air broadcast delivered by a national broadcasting service, a commercial broadcasting service or a community broadcasting service within the meaning of the Australian Broadcasting Service Act; and,
2. the broadcast must have been made legally according to the laws of that country; and,
3. the broadcast must have been made in a country that is a signatory to the Rome Convention (a list of signatory countries prepared by WIPO is available from a link on Screenrights website where you downloaded this fact sheet; the list currently includes most Western European countries including the UK, but does not include, for example, the USA, New Zealand or Indonesia); and,
4. the material must have been made available online by the broadcaster.

### More information

If you would like more information about Screenrights and its services, visit [www.screenrights.org](http://www.screenrights.org) or contact us - please see details below.