AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS
COPYRIGHT – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This factsheet is intended for University of Newcastle staff members to use in the context of their employment only and provides general advice. University staff should contact the Copyright Advisor if they have specific questions or concerns.

Why are there access barriers for Australian Standards?

Standards are licensed content and restrictions have been placed on access and usage. Our access via i2i (SAI Global) has a limit of 6 concurrent users, and users must register an individual account. Standards files have digital rights management (DRM), including stamping files with user details, limiting the amount of printing, and restricting sharing.

Can I use Australian Standards in my Canvas course?

Providing direct links to Standards (via i2i) is the recommended method for student access. This can be done directly in Canvas, or via a reading list in Course Readings. Standards files **should not be downloaded and then uploaded to Canvas** or Course Readings due to our licensing agreement and the lack of file shareability.

Can I include content from Standards in my PowerPoints, lectures, or recordings?

Some content from Australian Standards may be reproducible under the Educational Statutory Licence (S113P in the Copyright Act), but there are limits to what can be done under this licence. Best practice is to limit what is shown to as little as possible in your recorded sessions (usual expectation under S113P is around 10%).

S113P may allow for figures and some text from Standards to be included in PowerPoints and other course materials – if you are unsure about your planned use, please reach out to the **Copyright Advisor** for guidance. As with other materials used under S113P, an S113P copyright warning notice should be added, as well as referencing/source information.

Are there special considerations for use of Standards in examinations?

Content from Australian Standards may be reproducible in examinations under S200(1A)-(1B) in the Copyright Act. There is a copyright notice that should be added. For 'open book' exams, links to Standards can be added to Course Readings to assist students (the usual access restrictions apply). Student usage expectations should be managed (see **Best Practice** below).

Can I email a copy of a Standard to a student or colleague who is having access issues?

Our licensing with the i2i platform does not permit copying or communication of Standards, and with the DRM involved it is not possible to share downloaded files. Also remember: Downloaded files are stamped with your user details.

Am I able to print Standards for later use?

You can print Standards under our licence. The DRM in the files allows users to print a limited number of copies from downloaded Standards. Any printing done should be undertaken for **your own personal use** and should not be shared with or copied/scanned for others. Standards are individually licensed for your use and are stamped with your name/details.

A Standards file I downloaded has stopped working. Can I download it again?

Standards files downloaded from previous platforms may have had time-limiting DRM included. In addition, where our subscription periods have continuance issues there may be times where downloaded Standards files no longer load. It is perfectly fine to re-download a Standard as needed – this is covered under our licence and does not infringe copyright.

Best practice

- Link to Australian Standards, do not try to download and provide (or send) as a file.
- To minimise barriers to access, encourage students in your course to register an account with the i2i platform and check their access to Australian Standards as soon as possible.
- While downloaded Standards files have usage restrictions, advise students that they can download and/or print a copy for **their own** later use (the current DRM 'checks in' with the files to ensure access).
- Where use of a Standard is essential to successful completion of an assessment, provide a link to the Library's User Guide to Australian Standards to help students to successfully access the platform.
- Limit the amount of Australian Standards content that you reproduce or record in your materials and sessions.

For more information see **Copyright Support** below.

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