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CADMUS IN CANVAS

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.

What is Cadmus?

LDTI are promoting the [use of Cadmus in Canvas courses](#) as an online assessment platform. Cadmus creates written assessment tasks for students to complete online via writing their submission directly into the web-based text editor.

'Third-party' copyright

When you add images, graphs, tables, text, memes, files, etc., to your course materials from sources such as books, articles, and the Internet, this is known as using third-party copyright. When reusing this external content, there are requirements you must follow in your course so that you do not infringe copyright. [UON's Copyright Compliance Policy](#)

As Cadmus allows for sharing of external images, files, links, etc., course coordinators should be careful not to introduce unintentional copyright infringement into their courses via Cadmus. Do not add third-party files to Cadmus – use the [Course Readings system](#) and refer students there. Linking to some external content may be OK, depending on the materials involved.

The 'educational statutory licence'

The *Copyright Act 1968* includes a provision, known as the [educational statutory licence \(or S113P\)](#) which allows for teaching staff to share certain third-party content for educational purposes without infringing copyright. There are some restrictions:

- Material used must be housed in a secure environment, with 'closed' access limited to students of the University;
- You must include a copyright warning notice "on or with" the material (see **Best Practice**, below);
- There may be limits on how much (and where) you can reproduce material, depending on the type.

Open-licensed materials

Material shared under [Creative Commons or other open licensing](#) will include specific requirements for reuse. At a minimum, reuse will require attribution ([outlining the source, the licensing involved, and any changes you have made](#)).

Other permissions

Where you have [direct permission](#) for appropriate reuse of material from a copyright owner, keep track of any requirements attached to the permission, including attribution, etc., and add these to Cadmus as required.

Adding copyright, attribution and licensing information to Cadmus assignments

It is important to add appropriate information for copyright materials used in Cadmus, regardless of the copyright or licensing involved. Attribution and licensing details for open-licensed materials can be added either via 'Edit copyright' or to 'License' (under 'Metadata'), depending on the H5P template. Materials added that are reliant on the statutory licence, or via direct (or other) permissions, should have their copyright information included via the same method.

What about more 'open' use of Cadmus?

Where Cadmus assignments are not created as embedded objects in Canvas, or in an 'open' way, such as for MOOCs, short courses and OER, we are unable to rely on the [educational statutory licence](#) to reuse copyright material. As these objects could be publicly accessible, best practice is to make use of [open-licensed materials](#) and/or [other permissions](#).

Best practice

- Keep track of all images used in Cadmus assignments and add the source and copyright/licensing information.
- When relying on the [educational statutory licence](#) for reuse/sharing of third-party images, add the [S113P warning notice](#) to (or above/near) the Cadmus assignment.
- Do not add or link to infringing content. Add third-party files to [Course Readings](#) unless otherwise licensed/allowed.
- YouTube and other online videos can be linked to Cadmus assignments. See our [copyright guide for YouTube](#).
- Music files can be added as streaming content under our Tertiary Music Agreement – see [Copyright for Teaching](#).

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

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Phone: (02) 492 16456

Web: newcastle.edu.au/copyright-support

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