

## Useful sites for information about Copyright and Licensing

### Office of Public Sector Information

OPSI would like to encourage best practice to be spread around the public sector – standard licences are likely to be developed and adopted. They are promoting click-use licences, specifically designed for the electronic environment

[www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)

### Creative Commons

There is a very nice site for the Creative Commons licences, licences designed for creative people but with the potential for considerable crossover:

The website states that the licences are designed to provide:

- a set of free public licences sturdy enough to withstand a court's scrutiny
- language simple enough for non-lawyers to understand and use
- yet sophisticated enough to be identified by various Web applications

The creative commons website is designed to be navigated and understood by creative people, rather than experts in copyright law, and even has comic-style graphics to explain the concepts.

Their website is [www.creativecommons.org](http://www.creativecommons.org)

### Copyright Licensing Agency

Also useful is <http://www.cla.co.uk/copyright/copyrightlaw.html>

The Copyright Licensing Agency is a non-profit organisation which grants copyright licences, and they have a reasonable amount of information on their website in the "About Copyright" section.

### The Patent Office

[www.patent.gov.uk](http://www.patent.gov.uk)

The Patent Office is the best place to start for an overview of copyright law as a whole – it has links to all current copyright legislation, including the 257 page, unofficial but consolidated "Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1998".