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Must-know facts for Copyrights Protection in Tanzania



1 Which works are eligible for copyright protection?

Only works which fall within the following categories are eligible for copyright protection:

1. **Literary works**, irrespective of their literary quality
2. **Artistic works**, irrespective of their artistic quality
3. **Computer programs**
4. **Musical works**
5. **Sound recordings**
6. **Broadcasts**



2 Who is the author of a work?

A literary, musical or artistic work

The person who first makes or creates the work;

A photograph

The person who is responsible for the composition of the photograph;

A computer program

The person who exercised control over its making;



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Who is the owner of the copyright in a work?

The general rule is that the author of a work is the first owner of the copyright in the work.

Course and scope of employment:

An employee under a contract of service or apprenticeship makes the work in the course of the employee's employment, the employer is the owner of any copyright subsisting in the work.



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of copyright protection?

1. Literary works, artistic works & musical works – for the life of the author and 50 years from the end of the year in which he dies;

2. Computer programs, photographs and cinematograph films – 50 years from the end of the year in which the work is lawfully made available to the public or is first published, whichever term is the longer.

3. Sound recordings – 50 years from the end of the year in which the broadcast first takes place.

4. Published editions – 50 years from the end of the year in which the edition is first published.



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Who can take legal steps in the event of copyright infringement?

The owner of copyright in a work can institute proceedings for copyright infringement. An exclusive licensee or exclusive sub-licensee may intervene in such proceedings.

What are the exceptions to copyright infringement?

1. Fair dealing with a specified work.
2. Quoting a specified work.





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