

COPYRIGHT FAQS

➤ **What is a Copyright?**

A Copyright is a set of rights given under the Copyright Statute to the creators of artistic, literary, musical, dramatic, sound recording and cinematography films.. A Copyright does not protect concepts, ideas, discoveries, procedures and methods. To get the protection of Copyright, the work must be original.

➤ **What rights are given under the Copyright Protection in India?**

Copyright is a bundle of rights that confers on its owners the right to reproduce the work, issues copies of the work to the public, perform the work in public, communicate the work to public, make any translation of the work, make any adaptation of the work, make cinematographic films or sound recording in respect of the work.

The owners enjoy certain moral rights as well such as:-

Right of Publication:- It is a right to decide whether or not to publish the work;

Right of Paternity:- It is the right to claim authorship for published or exhibited work;

Right of Integrity:- It is a right to prevent alteration and other actions that may damage the authors honor or reputation

➤ **Who can apply for a Copyright?**

Any individual, who is the author or rightful owner, or his / her assignee or legal heir, can file an application for registration of copyright of work

➤ **What are the signs of a Copyright?**

In practice, the © symbol is usually followed by the year when copies of the work were first made available, and the name of the copyright owner. Sometimes there may also be a statement indicating the terms of permitted use. In cases where owners only allow their works for very limited usage, the term “All Rights Reserved” may be found after this symbol.

➤ **What is the Validity of a Copyright:**

In case of a cinematography film, sound recording, photography, work of the government or work of an international body, validity of the copyright is for 60 years from the date of publication,.

In the case of original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works, the validity is the lifetime of the author plus 60 years after the death of the author.

➤ **What are the Benefits of a Copyright?**

- Copyright protection creates a public record of the ownership by the copyright holder.
- Copyright holders can sue the infringers for copyright infringement
- Copyright protection provides a very important motivation for the creation of several intellectual works. Devoid of copyright protection, it would be simple for others to take advantage of these works without paying any royalties or remuneration to the title-holder of the work. Copyright therefore encourages enterprise and enables an encouraging climate to motivate economic activity.
- Copyright protection renders benefits in the form of economic rights which entitles the creators to exercise control over use of their literary and artistic material in various ways such as producing copies, performing in public, broadcasting, use on-line/on the internet, etc. and to avail an appropriate economic reward.
- Copyright protection enables creators to consequently be rewarded for their originality and venture.