



Access Copyright announces agreement with the Association of Community Colleges of Canada on a model licence

Toronto, May 29, 2012 – Access Copyright announced today that they have agreed on a model licence with the Association of Community Colleges of Canada (ACCC) that will give community colleges in Canada the ability to copy from over 22 million works from Access Copyright’s broad repertoire.

Under the model licence ACCC institutions will pay Access Copyright a royalty of \$10.00 per full-time equivalent student (FTE) annually. This royalty includes what used to be a separate 10 cents per page royalty for coursepack copying, so there will no longer be a separate royalty for such copying. Although we have little data regarding digital copying on campuses, historical coursepack usage data indicates that universities copy 2.6 times more than colleges.

“Access Copyright’s repertoire consists of published works from thousands of Canadian creators and hundreds of Canadian publishers and countless foreign rightsholders from 28 other countries, making the model licence a great value,” said Maureen Cavan, Executive Director of Access Copyright. “ACCC member institutions can now copy portions of practically every publication that exists in paper form that is not on our exclusions list and reproduce it into digital or print form.”

This agreement will be in place until December 31, 2015 and will renew automatically for one-year terms. At the end of the term, either party can also cancel or request to renegotiate the agreement.

A survey methodology will be designed jointly to gather reliable data to allow Access Copyright to make fair distribution of royalties to its affiliates and to assist in establishing appropriate future licence rates. The survey will be designed to minimize the administrative burden on both parties, in particular academic staff and students, and will respect academic freedom, privacy and the obligations of colleges under collective agreements with faculty and staff.

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