Music Copyright for Churches

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For further information about specific licences, please contact the relevant licensing body for advice. Please note that AMCOS does not issue licences on behalf of other organisations.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Churches, like all users of music, must be aware of their copyright responsibilities and make sure that they have the relevant licences in place, or have obtained permission from the copyright owner to copy a musical work if it is not covered by their particular licensing scheme.

Most churches **copy, record** or **play/perform** music, lyrics or sound recordings either for use within their service of worship or externally at an event authorised by the church. It is easiest to deal with these copyrights in terms of copying rights and performing rights.

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<td>♦ need AMCOS licence for recording or copying of musical works &amp; permission from the record company (via ARIA) for any copying of protected sound recordings</td>
<td>♦ need a relevant copying licence if copying a © work or edition, or if work or activity is not covered by your licence, need to obtain permission from the relevant copyright owner</td>
<td>♦ If within a service – no licence required</td>
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**Checking Terms of Church Copyright Licences:**

Please check to make sure that whatever type of licence you have, that it covers:

1. **Your required activity** eg. Photocopying, transcribing, making of booklets or over-head transparencies (OHT’s), dubbing, recording, reprinting, performing etc.
2. **Music or lyrics or both?**
3. **The relevant copyright owners.** CCLI, CAL, Word of Life, and LicenSing are able to provide you with relevant lists of the © owners that they represent. You must check before you copy that you comply with the conditions of their licences & that they do represent the © owners of the music or words (whichever is relevant) that you wish to copy.
How do I know if something is in Copyright?

1. Firstly, it must be something that is protected under the Copyright Act
   - Literary,
   - Dramatic,
   - Artistic; and
   - Musical works are protected under the Act and so too is subject matter other than works such as –
     - Sound recordings,
     - Published editions,
     - Broadcasts; and
     - Films

2. It must be original and must have some connection with Australia
   What this means is that the work itself can not just be a copy of someone else’s work, it must show a sufficient degree of originality for there to be copyright protection. The work must either be by an Australian or it must have originated from a country with whom Australia has a connection by virtue of international copyright conventions, such as the Berne Convention and the International Copyright Convention. Practically speaking, this covers music that derives from virtually all countries around the world.

3. It must be ‘fixed in a material form’
   There is no copyright protection for a mere idea, but only the expression of an idea, therefore a work is not protected by copyright until it has been written down or recorded in some way. There is no requirement for registration of the work, it has automatic legal protection if it satisfies the above conditions.

4. The duration of copyright is granted for a specific period
   Musical works are protected under the Australian Copyright Act for the life of the composer, lyricist or arranger plus 70 years. Works whose copyright expired prior to 1 January 2005 were only protected for 50 years and remain in the public domain (out of copyright). It is important to assess the copyright status of the words as well as the music, and any possible copyright protection in a translation of the words. This often applies to hymns where the original music and melody may be well and truly out of copyright but a recent translation or adaptation of the lyrics may be protected by copyright and a recent arrangement of the music also protected.

   Sound recordings are protected for 70 years, separate to the music that they embody. Published editions are still protected for 25 years from the time of publication. You must assess all the possible copyrights in a work before you exercise any of the exclusive rights of a copyright owner, eg. reproduce it, perform it, communicate it, publish it or adapt it in some way. Once the copyright in a work has expired, it can not be renewed, and it is said to be in the ‘public domain.’ This means that it is no longer protected by copyright. You must be careful in relation to musical works that are in the public domain (out of copyright), as there could potentially be separate copyright protection of an arrangement of the work, or a published edition or recording of the work. If this is the case, you would require permission or a relevant licence to copy it.
5. *What next?*

If you have established that a piece of sheet music, a hymn book, a prayer book, a sound recording etc. is in copyright, and you want to either:

- **reproduce** it (for example, photocopying, transcribing, making over-head transparencies, recording or dubbing)
- **adapt** it (alter it in some way, for example changing the lyrics, or arranging the music)
- **publish** it (for example, printing a song or lyrics in a hymn book)
- **perform** it (performing it or playing it via radio/CD/tape etc)
- **communicate** it (for example, playing music on hold via telephone)

you then need to obtain permission or a licence from one or more of the following:

- a relevant licensing organisation
- a (music) publisher if they administer the copyright on behalf of the relevant composer
- a composer if they have not assigned the copyright to a music publisher or a licensing organisation*

* Please note that you have to be aware of which rights a publisher or licensing organisation administers. For example, even though a composer may assign their performance right to APRA, they may retain their other rights (such as mechanical or print rights). (In this example, you would therefore need permission to copy etc. unless an exception applies in the Copyright Act.)
6. **Check the conditions of a licence**

Here is an example – you may wish to photocopy a piece of music for your church choir, and reproduce the lyrics for the congregation to follow. As it is for a special service, you may also want to make a commemorative recording of the work. You have been told that your church has a copying licence, but you are not sure which one and what it covers. What do you need to do?

Firstly, find out what type of copying licence your church has, and the repertoire that this covers. Work out what piece of music you want to be able to copy, and see if your licence allows the copying of the music for the choir, and also if it allows the reproduction of lyrics for the congregation. It may allow one or other of these or both, but you must make sure that it allows the copying of the specific work under the licence. If it does, that is fine, and you just have to follow the conditions of the particular licence – for example – do you have to mark the copies with a © line, or put a licence number on the copies? Do you need to keep a record of the fact that you made a copy under the particular licence, and how long can you keep the copies or do you have to destroy them after using them?

If the licence that you have does not cover the above activities or the work that you wish to copy, you will need to obtain permission from the relevant copyright owner directly, unless you can take out a different licence to cover what you need.

If you want to make a recording of the work, you need to see if your licence allows the making of audio or video recordings of the work. If not, seek advice from your licensing organisation about how you would obtain permission for this, if it is a work they represent for copying rights, otherwise, contact AMCOS to obtain a licence for the making of a recording (unless the exception for ‘shut-ins’ applies.)

As the performance of the work is to be within a service of worship, you will not need an APRA or PPCA licence.

All of the above presupposes that the work or edition is in copyright, otherwise, you do not need to seek permission to copy it or to make a recording of a live performance of the work. (You do not need to consider the copyright in the published edition when making a recording.)

For further examples, please see the section of this brochure called “Putting it into practice” on page 12.
Performing music & playing sound recordings of music

Playing music within a service of worship
If you wish to play any copyright music within a service of worship, you do not require a licence from APRA. This is because although playing music (either live or a recording) would be a public performance, APRA considers the use of music in this context exempt from public performance licensing requirements. Please note that a service of worship does not need to be held in a church for this policy to apply, therefore an outdoor service or religious ceremony at which music is played do not require an APRA licence. The playing or public performance of music outside of this context will require an APRA licence.

An APRA licence is not required when music is performed at a wedding, funeral or baptism.

Playing sound recordings of music within a service of worship
You do not require an APRA licence (for the playing of the musical work) or a PPCA licence (for the playing of the sound recording) if you wish to play a CD or some other type of commercial sound recording of a musical work within a service of worship.

Playing music and/or sound recordings at a church social or concert
If your church plays or performs any copyright music outside of a service of worship, you will require an APRA church licence. (If you play copyright protected sound recordings outside of a service of worship you will also require a PPCA licence.) There are many church activities where copyright music is played and a licence from APRA is required. These activities can include youth groups, meetings, socials, fetes etc. APRA offers an annual church licence which will cover most musical performances outside of a service of worship.

The APRA church licence does not extend to cover grand right performances such as musicals, or promoted concerts to the general public which generate a box office. If your church holds a performance that falls outside of the scope of the APRA church licence, you will need to contact APRA prior to each performance to discuss additional licensing requirements.

An application form for the APRA church licence may be obtained from APRA or by downloading it from www.apra.com.au

If your church plays copyright protected sound recordings of music at a church event or for example, in the church hall at social gatherings, you will require both an APRA licence and a PPCA licence (if it is outside of the context of a service of worship.) Many churches make their premises available to 3rd parties, such as dance or music classes or other organisations for meetings or functions. It would be the responsibility of the person or organisation that it is authorising or organising the playing of music and/or sound recordings at these functions to obtain the appropriate licences from APRA and PPCA.

Music on Hold
Some churches may use music on their telephone systems to callers on hold. Until recently, telecommunication carriers such as Telstra and Optus have been required to obtain a licence with APRA for the use of copyright ‘music on hold’. A change in legislation has meant that the liability for ‘music on hold’ has moved from the telecommunication carriers to the end user. This means that Churches that choose to use ‘music on hold’ will need to obtain APRA’s ‘music on hold’ licence. Please note that the playing of sound recordings of ‘music on hold’ may also require a licence from PPCA.
**Copying of lyrics or music by churches**

**Reproducing lyrics in wedding booklets or order of services**

The reproduction of any copyright protected lyrics requires permission from the copyright owner or a relevant licence.

If the lyrics are from a copyright protected song, you will need permission from the copyright owner(s) of the musical work(s) to reproduce these lyrics for example, for use in a wedding booklet, or order of service sheet. Please also refer to the licence information chart, to see if any of these licences cover the reproduction of works/editions that you need. If not, you will need to obtain permission directly from the publisher (in the case of a published work) or the composer (if unpublished.) AMCOS may be able to provide you with advice about whether or not a work is in copyright and if so, who the copyright owner(s) of the song(s) are.

**Photocopying secular music for church choirs or instrumental groups**

Although there are various types of religious copying licences available, these mainly cover the copying of particular religious music publications and not secular music. Many church choirs learn music that is not necessarily published by a religious publisher or covered under any of the available church copying licences, for example, anthems published by Oxford University Press. If the copying of choral or instrumental music of a particular publisher is not covered by one of the religious copying licences it is not permitted without the permission of the relevant music publisher (or composer – if an unpublished work.) Contact AMCOS for advice and publisher contacts.

**Religious copying licences**

There are various types of licences available to churches for the copying of lyrics or music or in some cases both. These are offered by several licensing organisations that are able to license the reproduction of their writer or publishers’ works. It is important to understand however, that **there is no one licence that covers the copying of all types of music or lyrics.**

The licences listed on the following pages are limited to the catalogues that the licensing organisations represent. Please note that these licences are mainly to allow copying of **religious music or lyrics,** (according to what the particular licence allows and the publishers or writers that the licensing organisation represents.) You will need to contact the individual licensing organisations to obtain a full list of the writers/publishers that they represent. Some of these organisations have one-off licences as well as annual licence schemes.

As mentioned above, if a particular work is not included in a licence that your church has, you will have to obtain permission from the relevant copyright owner if you want to photocopy, reprint, arrange or adapt the copyright work in any way. (Contact AMCOS for advice.)
Church copying licences

The following organisations offer church copying licences (on behalf of their writer or publisher members.)

If you have one or more of the following licences, please make sure that the licence covers the type of activity and the particular work that you wish to copy for your church. If not, you will have to seek permission direct from the copyright owner of the work/edition.
## Copying of Lyrics or Music by Churches

**Can you copy music?**

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<th>CCLI Church Licence</th>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>Yes – CCLI repertoire only</td>
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<td>No, apart from the melody line and this is for WOL repertoire only</td>
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**Can you copy any other types of material?**

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<th>Yes, it allows the copying of up to 10% of the pages in a collection of print (not artistic or musical works)</th>
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<th>Reproduction of song lyrics by hand or computer/typing for worship activities (e.g., O/H transparencies, bulletins, wedding programmes)</th>
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**Can you make overhead transparencies?**

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**Do you need to own an original before copying?**

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<th>Yes – owned by the licensee parties or any congregation member</th>
<th>No, but prefer that you do so you copy the exact words</th>
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**Any marking requirements?**

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<th>Yes. Title, author, publisher, date of copying. Copying under Licence. Unauthorised re-copying prohibited</th>
<th>Yes. Song title. Words and music by(writer), year written, name of the copyright owner, used by permission. CCLI Licence No. –</th>
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**Any sampling or record keeping requirements?**

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<th>Yes. Your church may be selected to keep records for a 10 week period, approximately once every 4 years</th>
<th>Yes. Copying activity report. Hand in annually Full record keeping</th>
<th>Yes. Full record keeping. PCL worksheet to be handed in annually, every photocopy of music made must be noted</th>
<th>You must notify CCLI of the details of the work/edition etc. at the time of the licence request. Afterwards, the reproductions made under this licence must be destroyed</th>
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**Can you make audio or video recordings of the music?**

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1. If the work has not been separately published or if separately published or not, does not exceed 15 pages in length in that collection of works.
2. You will need to check the authorised catalogue list to make sure that the work or publisher has not been excluded (see footnote 2.)
3. Unless an AMCOS music publisher, in which case, a manufacture licence from AMCOS is required.
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<th><strong>Word of Life Annual music copy licence</strong></th>
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<th><strong>LicenSing (Media Com) basic licence</strong></th>
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**Can you copy music?**  
Yes – WOL repertoire only  
Yes, if required. WOL repertoire only  
No  
Yes – LicenSing repertoire only  
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**Can you copy lyrics?**  
No, unless part of the musical work  
Yes, if required  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  

**Can you copy any other types of material?**  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  

**Types of copying allowed**  
Photocopying from published editions of music  
Photocopying, transcribing & reprinting. Also – computer projections (eg. using powerpoint)  
Photocopying, transcribing & reprinting  
Covers the reproduction of words (lyrics) and music written for congregational use  
Covers the reproduction of words (lyrics) and music written for congregational use. The special licence is for “one off” events, such as camps, conferences, or for up to 18 events per year  

**Can you make overhead transparencies?**  
No  
Yes  
No  
Yes  
Yes  

**Can you make booklets of lyrics?**  
No  
Yes – handwritten, typed or photocopied  
Yes – handwritten or typed  
Yes  
Yes  

**Do you need to own an original before copying?**  
Yes – 2 originals of the published edition of the music  
Yes – 2 originals of music and 1 of lyrics  
Yes – 1 published edition in which the lyrics are contained  
Yes, 1 original must be owned before reproductions are allowed  
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**Any marking requirements?**  
Yes – © notice: Title, composer & © owner must be listed. Used with permission, Word of Life International. Licence No. –  
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Yes – © notice: Title, composer & © owner must be listed. Used with permission, Word of Life International. Licence No. –  
Yes, © Notice: Reproduced with permission under Licence No. – LicenSing – Copyright Cleared Music for Churches  
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**Any sampling or record keeping requirements?**  
Yes – full record keeping, details to be submitted to WOL annually. Need to supply details of the title, composer, publisher/copyright owner  
Yes – details of the title, composer, publisher/copyright owner are to be supplied at the time of the licensing request  
No – there is no requirement for record keeping under this licence  
Yes – each licence holder is required to record details of copying for a 6 month period once every 2.5 years  
Yes – details of works copied must be supplied  

**Can you make audio or video recordings of the music?**  
No – permission required directly from the publisher  
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Yes – if the recording is being made for one time use by sick, elderly or shut-in members of the licensed church. Otherwise, prior written consent of the copyright owner is required before making any recordings of LicenSing repertoire  
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Making recordings

Performers’ copyright
If you wish to make a recording of a live performance you will firstly need the permission of the ‘performer’, whether or not they are a speaking, playing or singing. This is because there is a limited right given in the Copyright Act to performers to consent to or deny permission for their performance to be recorded. In a church context, this means that if you wanted to make a recording of a service or an event, apart from any licences that may be required, you would need to inform the minister, choir, organist or anyone whose speaking, playing or singing was being recorded. If they object to the making of the recording, you may not proceed, but in most cases there will not be a problem. Many churches, as a matter of course, make copies of every service.

Making audio or video recordings of services for ‘shut-ins’
If you wish to make an audio or video recording of a service of worship where music is played, generally speaking, you will need an AMCOS licence to make an audio recording of any copyright music, or an AMCOS/ARIA licence to make a video of the performance. However, if you want to make a recording of the service to distribute to someone who can not attend the service due to reasons of illness or age, or if they are house-bound (referred to as ‘shut-ins’), you will not require a licence to make either an audio or video recording of the service provided that no charge is made for the distribution of the recordings. This is because both AMCOS (on behalf of music publishers) and ARIA (on behalf of record companies) have a complimentary policy of allowing recordings to be made without a licence for this particular purpose.

1. Audio recordings
Dubbing existing commercial recordings
If you wanted to make a copy of an existing sound recording of a musical work, you would need permission from the record company (that owns the copyright in the sound recording), and also a manufacture licence from AMCOS for the copying of the musical works. If the copyright owner(s) of the music or sound recording are not AMCOS or ARIA members, you will need to obtain permission directly from the music publisher of the music and the record company of the recording. You can check ARIA’s website for a current list of ARIA members. www.aria.com.au. It is suggested that you contact the record company or ARIA first because if permission is denied for the copying of the sound recording, there is no point applying for an AMCOS licence for the copying of the musical works.

Other licences
CCLI offers licences for the making of non-commercial audio & video recordings of CCLI repertoire not registered with AMCOS. You must check the © owner and authorised catalogue list to make sure that you can make recordings of the songs. Certain publishers are excluded and are marked with an * on the authorised catalogue list, indicating that you can not record their works.
(11) Video recordings

If you make a video recording including musical works or sound recordings, for example of a wedding or service, you will need a single event special event AMCOS/ARIA video licence. This licence allows the video-taping of an event as long as it is only played at a private domestic screening (ie. no public screening.)

Video operators may prefer to take out an annual special event video licence which allows the making of up to 20 copies of a video from an event to be made, incorporating AMCOS musical works and/or ARIA sound recordings. Again, the recordings may not be publicly screened, nor contain any advertising or promotional material.

If you can not fulfil one or more condition(s) of the AMCOS/ARIA single event or annual event video licences, for example, if you wished to publicly screen your video, you would have to obtain permission from the music publisher of the musical works and the record companies of any copied sound recordings. For further advice, please phone AMCOS and/or ARIA.
Putting it into practice – a few examples

Here is a checklist to help you if you intend using music in your church –

1) are the music/words in copyright?
2) if so, who is the copyright owner?
3) is the copying of this covered by any licence?
4) do I need any type of licence to perform this work in a service?

Example #1: copying a piece of music for a church choir to sing

The piece that the choral conductor wishes to copy is “For the beauty of the earth” by John Rutter, published by Oxford University Press.

The piece of music is in copyright. The copyright owner is Oxford University Press who is represented by Hal Leonard/Boosey & Hawkes in this territory. You would need to seek their permission, unless it is covered by an exception in the Copyright Act or under one of the church copying licences. As it is not, you will need to contact the publisher for permission to copy the work. It is up to the publisher whether or not they grant permission. Publishers do deny permission on occasions, most often when the work is commercially available for purchase. No APRA licence is required as the performance is taking place in a service of worship.

Example #2: making an overhead transparency of lyrics of a song

The church wishes to transcribe the lyrics of “Icon of Grace” by Trisha Watts, to use the overhead transparency in a service of worship.


The music and words are in copyright, the publisher is Willow Connection. This song is within the Word of Life repertoire. No need for an APRA licence in a service of worship.

Example #3: making an adaptation of a Beatles’ song

The church choir conductor wants to make an arrangement of “Hey Jude”, and intends changing the words, to make it into a religious song and want to arrange the music for a small ensemble to accompany the singers to perform in a service. The song is in copyright and you would need permission from the publisher, Music Sales. The Beatles’ songs are not covered by any of the church copying licences, so you would need direct permission from the music publisher. You would have to make sure that you obtained permission to adapt the song in this way before you performed it, as there is a real possibility that permission may be denied.

Example #4: making an arrangement of a Bach cantata

The choral conductor has decided to simplify one of the great Bach cantata’s for the parish choir. No permission would be required as the work is out of copyright.

Example #5: playing CD’s at a church social

As this is outside a service of worship, you would need an APRA licence (for the playing of the music) and a PPCA licence for the playing of the copyright protected sound recordings.
Example #6: reproducing lyrics in a wedding booklet

A bride wants the congregation to read the words of “I will always love you” in a wedding booklet, as the soloist sings at the time of signing the register. The bride also wants a video to be made of the whole service. The service is taking place in the botanical gardens. An audio tape is being made of the accompaniment for the hymns as there will be no organ or piano to play it outdoors.

The music is in copyright, and you will need permission from the publisher of the music (EMI Music) to reproduce the lyrics in a booklet, you will not need an APRA licence unless you are having additional music outside of the service of worship. The fact that it is in the botanical gardens is irrelevant, as it is still a service. If you are making an audio tape of any copyright music, you will require a licence from AM Мос (or the music copyright owner if not represented by AM Мос) unless it is a recording being made for a ‘shut-in’ (see section on recordings of music.) You will definitely need an AM Мос/ARIA video licence for the making of the video. Many video operators have annual licences so this may be covered under their licence, but you will need to check and if not, you will need to take out a single event video licence.

Example #7: copying words from a hymn in the Australian Hymn Book, and a newspaper article

A church wants to copy the words from a hymn in the Australian Hymn Book, published by Collins Dove/Harper Collins and an article from a newspaper, in a church newsletter. As the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL)’s Worship Licence allows the copying of lyrics from the authors & publishers who have agreed to be part of this voluntary licence, and CAL represents journalists as well as other authors, the church could reproduce the words of the hymn and photocopy the newspaper article, under their CAL Worship Licence. This is assuming that it is a hymn, the lyrics of which are within the CAL repertoire. You may need to contact CAL to check this.

Example #8: reproducing the melody line and words for an order of service

There is some overlap between some of the licences. For example, you could reproduce the melody line and the words of certain hymns from the Australian Hymn Book or “Together in Song” under the LicenSing (Media Com) licence. The main difference between this and the previous example is that the CAL licence does not permit the reproduction of musical works, so you could not copy the melody line under the CAL licence although you could copy the words/lyrics (if it is within the CAL repertoire.)

Example #9: photocopying the music of a song “All the Glory” by Graham Kendrick published by Nightlight for use by the church choir

If your church had a CCLI photocopy licence, they could photocopy this song for use by the church choir (in accordance with the conditions of the licence.) If the church wanted to reproduce the song lyrics from a Nightlight work, they would need a CCLI church licence, or permission from the publisher.

Example #10: playing recordings at a wedding reception

If you wanted to play a recording of “Perhaps Love” by John Denver at a wedding reception, you will not require an APRA licence for the playing of the musical work, even though it is in copyright. This is because the reception is not regarded by APRA as a public performance, but a private, domestic event. PPCA advise that they apply the same policy and therefore would not require a PPCA for a wedding or wedding reception.
(Contact details for these organisations are found at the back of this guideline.)

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- “A Practical Copyright Guide to the Use of Print Music in Australia”, Third Edition 2006*
- Music copyright for schools – a guide to the AMCOS, AMCOS/ARIA and APRA school licences*
- The APRA handbook for APRA composer members
- AMCOS – a guide to music reproduction rights & the concept of copyright

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The Australian Copyright Council

The Australian Copyright Council has many interesting & informative guidelines. Here are some that may be relevant to churches:

Books

- Churches & copyright. 1st edition 1/1995

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