

Type of Work	Characteristics	Determinative Factors	Duration of copyright
Literary, dramatic and musical works and engravings (except crown copyright engravings, see below)	Crown copyright (government owned or made works)	Unpublished	50 years after the year it of first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
		Published	50 years after the year it was published
	Known author, published (1) before	Author died before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
		Author died on or after 1 January	70 years after the year in which the author died(2)
	Known author, published after death	Published before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
		Published on or after 1 January	70 years after the year of publication
	Known author, unpublished		70 years after the year it of first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
	Anonymous or pseudonymous	Published before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
Published on or after 1 January		70 years after the year of publication	
Anonymous or pseudonymous author, unpublished (3)		70 years after first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)	
Artistic works (excl	Crown copyright (government owned		50 years after the year it was made
	Anonymous or pseudonymous	Published before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
		Published on or after 1 January	70 years after the year of publication
	All other artistic works	Artist died before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
Artist died on or after 1 January		70 years after the year in which the author died(2)	
Photos and crown copyright engravings	Crown copyright (government owned	taken before 1 May 1969	50 years after the year it was taken
		taken on or after 1 May 1969 - published	50 years after the year of publication
		taken on or after 1 May 1969 - unpublished	50 years after first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
	Anonymous or pseudonymous		70 years after the year of publication
	All photos not covered above	Taken before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
Taken on or after 1 January 1955		70 years after the year in which the author died	
Films	Crown copyright (government owned or made works)		50 years after the year it was published (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
	made before 1 May 1969 and regarded as "dramatic work"	Author died before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
		Author died on or after 1 January	70 years after the year in which the author died

	made before 1 May 1969 and not regarded as "dramatic work"	Made before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
		Made on or after 1 January 1955	70 years after the year in which the author died
	Made on or after 1 May 1969	Published	70 years after the year of publication
		Unpublished	70 years after the year of first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
Sound recordings	Crown copyright (government owned or made works)		50 years after the year of first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
	Non-crown copyright	Made before 1 January 1955	Copyright expired
		Made on or after 1 January 1955	70 years after first publication (ie copyright is indefinite until publication)
Broadcasts (4)	made before 1 May 1969		Not protected
	Made on or after 1 May 1969		50 years after the year of broadcast
Published Editions			25 years after the year of publication

(1) Includes the work being published; performed in public; broadcast; or records of the work being offered or exposed for sale to the public as appropriate

(2) While the shorthand for copyright term is often "life of the author plus 70 years" that's not technically accurate. Instead it's 70 years from the year author died on the 20 June 2000 then her work would fall into the public domain on 1 January 2071, not 20 June 2070

(3) A work that was published anonymously or pseudonymously whose author isn't known and can't be ascertained by reasonable inquiry. Some orphan works will fit into this category but others (where the author is known but not locatable for example) will not.

(4) note underlying works protected separately