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## About Us


The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO) oversees the legislation and registration of intellectual property in Brunei Darussalam.



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# COPYRIGHT

## What is Copyright?

Copyright is an exclusive rights given to the creator or author of works so that only he can use and reproduce what he has created for his own purposes. It would enable him to control the commercial exploitation of his works.

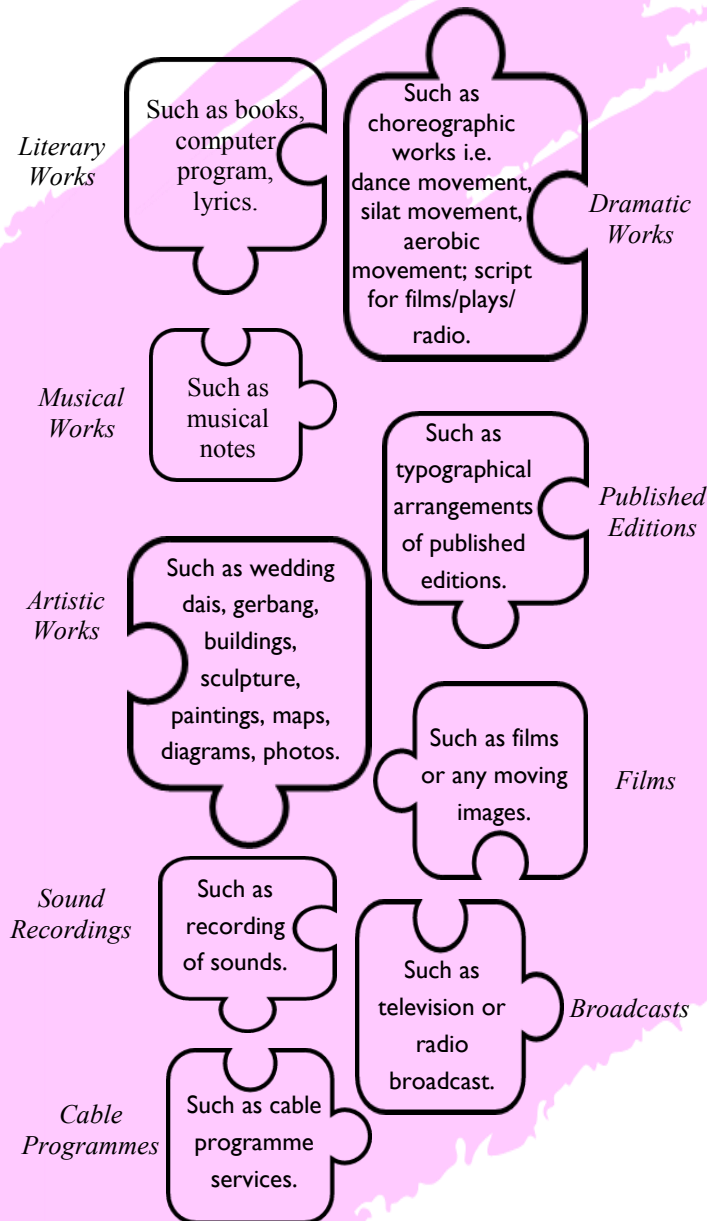
## Ownership and Authorship

The person who creates the work is the author and owner. If the work is created in the course of the employment, the employer will own the copyright; or if the work is made by a public officer in the course of his duties, HM the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan is the first owner.

## Copyright Order 1999

The legislation governing the protection of copyright in Brunei Darussalam is the Copyright Order 1999 and the Copyright (Amendment) Order 2013.

## Works Protected in Copyright



## How long is Copyright protected?

For *literary, artistic, dramatic and musical works*: Life of the author plus 50 years from the end of the calendar year in which the author died.

For *film and sound recording*: 50 years from the year in which they were made or released.

For *broadcast and cable programmes*: 50 years from the end of the year in which it was first broadcast or transmitted.

For *typographical arrangement*: 25 years from the end of the calendar year in which the edition was published.



## Protecting Copyright

Protection of copyright is automatic thus there is no formal procedure for registration in Brunei.

Further, since Brunei is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Berne), then works created in Brunei can be protected in other countries who are a member of WTO and/or Berne.

## Importance of © Symbol

The use of the © indicates an assertion of copyright. The symbol © is usually followed by the name of the copyright owner plus the year when copies of the work were first made available. Example: © BrulPO 2020.