

SCRAN Q&A on Licensing for Contributors

SCRAN has tried to give plain English answers to common questions in this note. We hope that may help. Please understand that these answers are not part of the licence and that when you sign the licence, you are agreeing to the terms of that licence with its legal terms.

These answers are not legal advice. If you want that, you need to seek it independently.

Is SCRAN taking my resources away?

No. So, if the copyright in the original object or resource belongs to you, it will remain with you even after you sign the licence.

Then, what does SCRAN get?

SCRAN gets the right to use the digital resource with your permission. The licence gives SCRAN your permission.

Can I withdraw my permission?

No, you have given your permission for as long as SCRAN exists in its current form.

Can I permit other people to use my resources as well as SCRAN?

Yes. The permission to SCRAN is a "non-exclusive" one. That means SCRAN is just one of a number of organisations that may have the right to use the digital resource. You decide whom you give permission to.

Do I have to keep SCRAN informed of the permissions I give?

For a small number of resources - no. For a larger number, you must let SCRAN know.

Why is SCRAN "held harmless"?

SCRAN takes your word that you own the copyright and you have the right to give us permission to use a resource. If someone challenges SCRAN on that, we pass any query or loss on to you. We only have a permission. You have the copyright.

Will SCRAN help to protect my copyright?

SCRAN will help to protect it by making sure, wherever possible, that anyone who uses your resource has a proper licence from SCRAN explaining what they can and cannot do with the resource.

Users for educational purposes are not allowed to sell or to send copies to others. Each institution or person must sign a licence with SCRAN agreeing to this.

SCRAN will also use available electronic means to watermark your image with details at every download, wherever possible.

Can SCRAN sell my resource commercially?

SCRAN can sell a copy of your digital resource. An agreed royalty will always be returned to you for each sale.