



Newspaper Licensing Ireland Limited

Newspaper Licensing Ireland Ltd (NLI) is a not-for-profit organisation that issues copyright licences to companies who wish to copy (by scanning or photocopying) Irish newspaper content.

NLI was set up in May 2002 with the support of National Newspapers of Ireland (NNI), and works on behalf of both national and regional newspapers.

Copyright in Ireland

The principle source of copyright law in Ireland is the Copyright & Related Rights Act 2000. It was the largest piece of legislation introduced in Ireland since the foundation of the state and replaced an earlier 1963 Act.

The Copyright & Related Rights Act 2000 states that publishers own the works contained in the published editions of their newspaper. In other words, employers own the works of their employees. Under this act, publishers also have the right to resell and licence the copying of newspaper content.

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Following the introduction of the Copyright & Related Rights Act 2000, publishers decided to establish their own dedicated collecting society in order to introduce and promote a culture of copyright understanding and compliance.

As a result Newspaper Licensing Ireland Limited (NLI) was established in 2002 by National Newspapers of Ireland (NNI). In a single stroke – by making available a licence – NLI has made it simple for companies to comply with copyright legislation, whether they are in-house or working on behalf of clients.

NLI provides companies and organisations with licences for both paper and digital copying on behalf of Irish national and regional newspapers (16 national titles and 90 regional titles) as well as paper (analogue) copying of UK newspapers.

In addition to legal compliance for companies who photocopy or scan newspaper content, the establishment of NLI also benefits publishers who can now be more confident that they will receive revenue from any press clippings copied from their pages.

Licenses

NLI licences companies and organisations to reproduce newspaper content by both digital and analogue means. NLI has three types of licence.

1. Press Clippings Agency Licence
2. Public Relations Agency Licence
3. Commercial Licence – for all other companies and organisations, including: government, public bodies, non-government organisations, commercial companies, professional firms & organisations, educational institutes & bodies, various representative organisations & associations.

Within the licences, NLI offer 4 separate portfolios of titles.

1. National Newspaper Licence

The national licence covers the digital and analogue (paper) copying of 16 titles including daily, weekly and Sunday newspapers. For a full list of titles please visit www.newspaperlicensing.ie.

2. *Regional Newspapers*

The regional licence covers the digital and analogue (paper) copying of circa 90 newspaper titles. For a full list of titles please visit www.newspaperlicensing.ie.

3. *UK Newspapers (analogue only)*

The UK newspaper licence covers the analogue (paper) copying of UK titles only (incl. Irish Editions). For a full list of titles please visit www.newspaperlicensing.ie. For permission to digitally copy UK newspaper content please contact the Newspaper Licensing Agency (NLA) or visit www.nla.co.uk.

4. *Foreign Newspapers*

The foreign newspaper portfolio currently consists of a number of Belgium newspaper titles. This portfolio will expand in the coming months. Please contact NLI directly for more information.

Future for NLI

Since its creation in 2002, NLI has made significant progress in licensing companies and organisation that wish to reproduce newspaper content for commercial purposes. However with this in mind there are a number of areas that NLI wish to grow and develop.

1. Continue to grow the market and promote a culture of copyright understanding and compliance.
2. Broaden our current product offering
3. Continue to expand our repertoire of publications.
4. Extend our range of bi-lateral agreements
5. Establish a digital database for Irish newspaper content

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