

The Collaboration License

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Collaboration License?

The Collaboration License is an amendment to your organization's Multinational Copyright License and/or VG WORT Digital Copyright License that provides extended coverage, allowing project team members from your company and another licensed organization to collaborate with one another using published research and other content in the license repertory as part of their joint efforts within a project-specific work group.

Does the Collaboration License allow content sharing between all employees of the two collaborating organizations?

No, the Collaboration License allows members of a specific project team, defined in the Collaboration License as a "collaboration unit", to share content with other team members for purposes of that collaborative project. It does not authorize general sharing of content between employees of the two organizations. Like the Multinational and/or VG WORT Digital Copyright Licenses, the Collaboration License is subject to the general restriction that it does not include any right to create a library or collection intended to substantially replace a team member's need for a particular Work — meaning that the it complements, and is not intended as a substitute for, subscriptions and purchases.

How does a company qualify for a Collaboration License?

Organizations with a Multinational Copyright License or VG WORT Digital Copyright License from RightsDirect, qualify for the Collaboration License. The license is currently offered at no additional charge, but it requires both your organization and its collaboration partners to also be licensed by CCC or RightsDirect. In addition, collaboration partners have to sign the Collaboration License Amendment. The Collaboration License is only for business uses of works covered under the CCC and RightsDirect copyright license repertory.

How do I sign up for the Collaboration License?

Organizations can sign up for the Collaboration License online at RightsDirect's Collaboration Portal. Please contact your RightsDirect account representative to obtain access to the Collaboration Portal. Adding and removing collaboration partners is also managed online using our online portal.

What do I do after I sign up?

Once you have signed the Collaboration License online, you should reach out to your intended collaboration partners to:

- Inform them that you would like to list their organization as a partner on your license;
- Confirm that their organization is licensed under a CCC or RightsDirect copyright license AND the Collaboration License;
- Explain what the Collaboration License covers (and what it doesn't)



Once you have confirmed the above with your partner you can use the Add/Remove form on the Collaboration Portal to add your organization's intended partners. Both your organization and the partner must be licensed and maintain a signed Collaboration Amendment in order to exchange materials within the scope of the license.

What are some of the important restrictions of the Collaboration License?

It's important to keep in mind that the Collaboration License is subject to the same general rules as your RightsDirect copyright license. It does not authorize general sharing of content between employees of the two organizations. Like the Multinational Copyright License, the Collaboration License is subject to the general restriction that it does not include any right to create a library or collection intended to substantially replace a team member's need for a particular Work — meaning that the it complements, and is not intended as a substitute for, subscriptions and purchases.

What happens when my company no longer works with a partner that we listed under our Collaboration License?

When your contractual relationship with a partner company ends, the Collaboration License no longer covers collaboration with employees of that organization within your project teams, and you should notify employees on the relevant project team that sharing with those persons is no longer permitted under the Collaboration License.



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