

# Showing films on campus

There are two main legal issues that must be considered when planning to show films to the public in Australia:

1. Copyright/Public Performance Rights – It is illegal to publicly show a film that is intended for home use only. You must have the Public Performance Rights to screen a film in a public venue.
2. Classification – All films shown to the public in Australia must be classified by the Australian Government Classifications Board.

## Copyright/Public Performance Rights

If you want to publicly screen a film, DVD or video you will need permission from the relevant copyright owners.

Generally, you can get permission by renting, buying or borrowing the film or DVD from an authorised supplier that can give you permission on behalf of copyright owners. Some of these include:

- National Film and Sound Archive [www.nfsa.gov.au/collection/screening-loans/](http://www.nfsa.gov.au/collection/screening-loans/);
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation [www.abccommercial.com/librarysales/](http://www.abccommercial.com/librarysales/);
- Commercial organisations such as Roadshow PPL, Amalgamated Movies and Showbiz Music Video (for video clips)

Roadshow Public Performance Licensing (PPL) ([www.roadshowppl.com.au](http://www.roadshowppl.com.au)) handles most commercially and independently produced films, including films from Warner, Paramount, Universal and 20th Century Fox (but not Sony or Columbia Tri-Star).

If Roadshow does not handle the film you are interested in, Amalgamated Movies Non-Theatrical Film Distributors ([www.amalgamatedmovies.com](http://www.amalgamatedmovies.com)) may handle the rights. Amalgamated Movies handles the rights for Columbia/Tri-Star, Sony and Madman Entertainment.

## Exceptions for academic clubs or societies

Academic clubs or societies are able to show documentaries that relate to their course and that are deemed to add to their members' educational experience. These are covered under FedUni's existing educational license.

## Classification

All films shown to the public in Australia must be classified by the Australian Government Classifications Board. If the film you want to show has not already been classified in Australia, you will need to seek classification or an exemption. More information about classification can be found at <http://www.classification.gov.au>