

Copyright Office

1. What is copyright?

Answer: Copyright is the exclusive legal right that protects the creator's intellectual work.

2. What does copyright protect?

Answer: Literary, musical, artistic, dramatic and audio-visual works.

3. What are the requirements for copyright protection?

Answer: The works must be original and unique and in a fixed format.

4. How long is the registration process?

Answer: - Five (5) working days.

- Your work can be rejected
- If approved, a fee of N\$100.00 for copyright works and N\$150.00 for magazines and newspapers, is payable.

5. How long will my work be protected?

In Namibia, copyright protection lasts throughout an author's life time and 50 years after his/her death.

6. Who owns copyright?

Answer: Individuals, jointly, collectively or commissioned work.

7. What if one uses my work without my permission?

Answer: It is an offence and you can sue that person.

8. Is my work only protected in Namibia?

Answer: Your work will be protected internationally in all the countries who are members of the Berne Convention.