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## **Copyright Licensing**

The DfE has agreed with the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA), and the Music Publishers Association (MPA), to purchase a single national licence managed by the DfE for all state-funded schools in England. This means that local authorities and schools will no longer need to negotiate individual licences.

There will be savings both in administration and in the overall cost of the licence. The Department will pay the cost, including VAT, to the CLA and will provide this as a service to local authorities at a charge. This means that local authorities can continue to reclaim VAT on the licences as they do now.

These arrangements will cover recoupment Academies as well as maintained schools, and local authorities will be allowed to hold this money centrally rather than include it in school budgets.

Local authorities will be sent details of the charge separately (because the figures are Commercial in Confidence) and confirmation how it will be administered. Authorities should take into account that schools will no longer have to pay for these licences when calculating school budgets.