

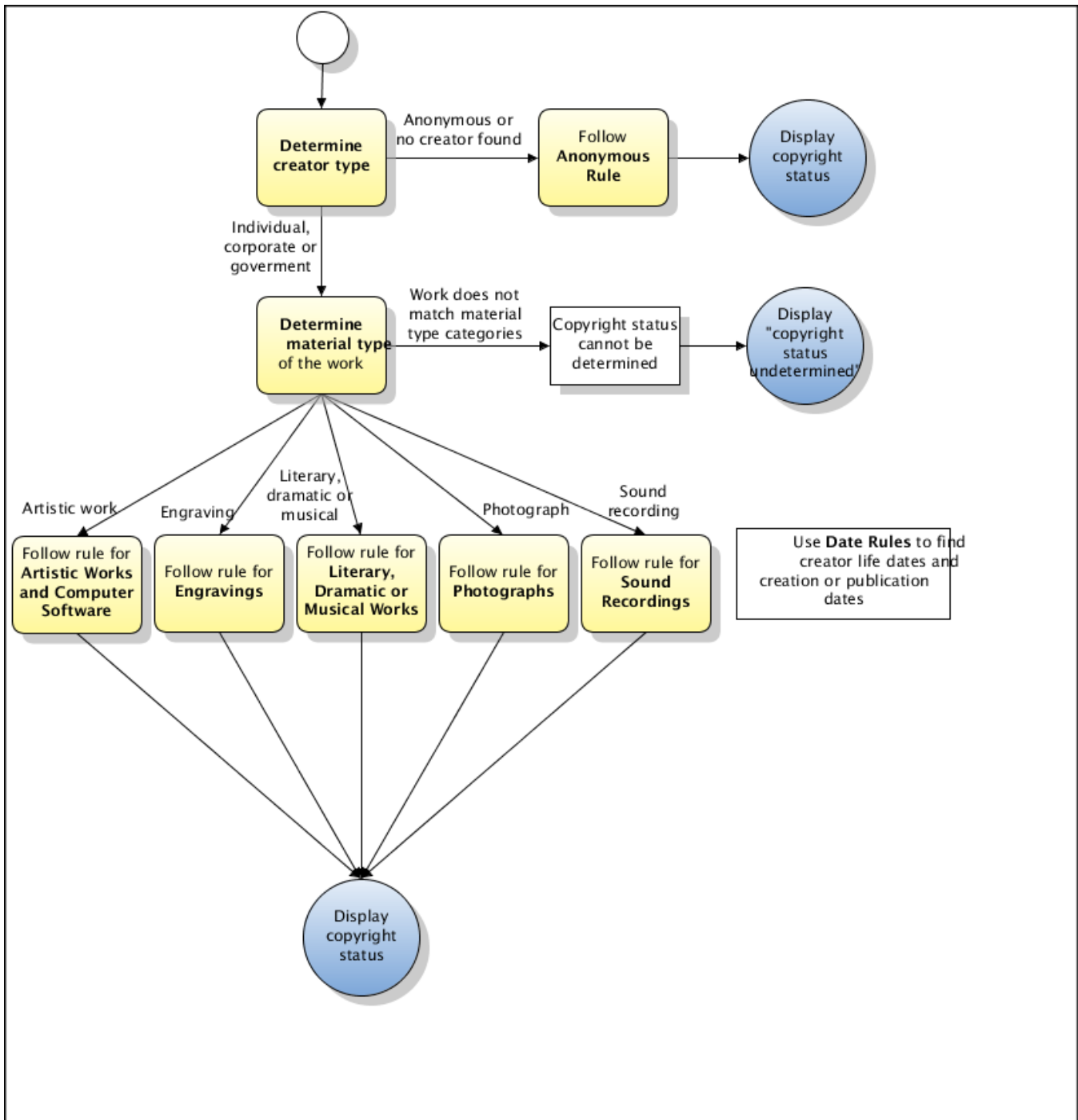
How does the Copyright Status Tool work?

This document explains how the National Library of Australia's Copyright Status Tool uses information in catalogue records to provide an estimate of copyright status. This information is for general guidance only; it is not legal advice.

The estimate of copyright status is based on information recorded in catalogue records using the [MARC standard](#). In cases where information required to calculate copyright status is missing or ambiguous, the estimate of copyright status may be inaccurate or may be "undetermined".

The Australian Copyright Council has many helpful [information pages](#) that explain how copyright law works and how this affects your use of material that may be protected by copyright. The document on [Duration of Copyright](#) is particularly relevant when using the Copyright Status Tool.

Calculating the duration of copyright protection for a work is complex, because there are different rules depending on the type of work. Use the diagram below to see which rules apply to the work record you have, and then use the menu to view the details of those rules. Examples are provided at the end of this page.



- Creator rules
 - Anonymous creator rule
 - Determine creator type
- Date rules
 - Determine creation or publication date
 - Determine creator's life dates
 - Published edition rule
- Duration of copyright rules
 - Determine material type
 - Artistic works and computer software
 - Engravings
 - Literary, dramatic and musical works
 - Photographs
 - Sound recordings

Example

The magic pudding : being the adventures of Bunyip Bluegum and his friends Bill Barnacle & Sam Sawnoff / by Norman Lindsay

Copyright status

In Copyright.

Reason for copyright status: Until 2039 (Creator Date of Death + 70 Years)

Copyright status was determined using the following information:

Material type: Literary Dramatic Musical

from "a" in 000 field and "1" in 008 field

Presumed date of death of creator (latest date): 1969

from 100 \$d field

Published status: Published

from values in 260 \$a \$b and \$c fields

Publication date: 1948

from 008 field

MARC view of catalogue record

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001			835912
005			20070831115832.0
008			920129s1948 xnaa j 000 1 eng d
019	1		a8562031
035			9000008562031
035			93378715
040			aVU beng cVU dVSL dANL
082	0	4	aA823.2 220
100	1		aLindsay, Norman, d1879-1969.
245	1	4	aThe magic pudding : bbeing the adventures of Bunyip Bluegum and his friends Bill Barnacle & Sam Sawnoff / cby Norman Lindsay.
246	1	0	aMagic pudding
246	1		aThe magic pudding; bbeing the adventures of Bunyip Bluegum and his friends Bill Barnacle and Sam Sawnoff
260			aSydney : bAngus & Robertson, c1948 e(Sydney : fHalstead Press)
300			a171 p. : bill. (some col.) ; c25 cm.
510	4		aMuir c4269