**Technological Protection Measures (TPMs)**

[TPMs](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/technological-protection-measure-tpm/) are technological protection measures placed on copyright material to prevent unauthorised [copying](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/). Examples include software locks or password protection measures.

There are two types of technologies protected by the Copyright Act:

* **Access Control TPMs** – technologies that copyright owners use to control access to copyright material (such as a password control or technology that manages how long you have access to an electronic file).
* **Copy Control TPMs**  – technologies that prevent, restrict or inhibit you from doing an act that is covered by copyright laws (such as a lock that stops you from [copying](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) software to a different computer or a copy-prevention measure on a music CD).

Schools and TAFEs are permitted to circumvent:

* Copy Control TPMs and
* Access Control TPMs for the following purposes:
  + making a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) under the [Statutory Text and Artistic Works Licence](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/statutory-text-and-artistic-works-licence/) or the [Statutory Broadcast licence](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/statutory-broadcast-licence/)
  + making a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) under the [flexible dealing](https://smartcopying.edu.au/flexible-dealing/) exception in s 200AB of the Copyright Act
  + making a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) under the [organisational disability exception](https://smartcopying.edu.au/guidelines/library-exam-and-disability-copying/disability-access-exceptions/) in s 113F of the Copyright Act or
  + making a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) under the [fair dealing for disability exception](https://smartcopying.edu.au/guidelines/library-exam-and-disability-copying/disability-access-exceptions/) in s 113E of the Copyright Act.

Schools and TAFEs are **not** permitted to circumvent an Access Control [TPM](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/technological-protection-measure-tpm/) for **any other purpose** (eg a teacher or student making a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) for their own [fair dealing](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/fair-dealing/) purposes).