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General Factors Used to Assess Fair use

* *The purpose and character of your use of the material.* This is often considered the most important factor in determining whether or not something is fair use. Does your use add something new or transform the original material in some way? Does it add commentary or analysis? Is it used for a different purpose or in a different manner than it was used in the original? If so, your usage may be considered “formative use,” which would favor fair use. Merely reproducing material from the original would not constitute fair use.
* *The nature of the source work.* Is the source work a creative work or is it nonfiction? Is it published or unpublished? Fair use is favored if the source work is a published, nonfiction work.
* *The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the source work as a whole.* Fair use is favored if the portion used is a small portion in relation to the overall source work.
* *The degree to which the portion used reflects the “heart” of the source work*. Fair use is favored if the portion used does not constitute the “heart” of the source work or the key content included in the source material.
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* The author substantially changes the table/figure (50% or more new content). Adaptation includes adding information or changing the look (manner or method) of how the information is presented.
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**Overview of the Corwin Permissions Process**

Now that you have a general sense of what permissions are and when they are needed, you are prepared to begin the process of requesting and organizing your permissions. The overall steps in this process are as follows:

1. The author completes a permissions log while writing the draft manuscript. See the section below “How to Fill in the Permissions Log” for specific directions for how to complete the log.
2. The author submits the log to Corwin in Word document format, along with the draft manuscript.
3. The editorial assistant reviews the log and the manuscript and determines which items need permission and which do not.
4. The author requests permission from the copyright holder for items that do need permission.
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6. The author tracks the receipt of permission grants and pays any required fees.
7. The author sends copies of all permission grants to Corwin along with a final permissions log. This must be completed prior to typesetting your book (your editorial team will alert you as to when that date is).

**How to Prepare the Permissions Log**

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* Identifying all third party material in your manuscript
* Providing Corwin’s editorial team with information about the extent to which you have adapted the material
* Tracking requests for and receipt of permission grants
* Recording restrictions, fees, and attribution requested by the rights holder

Items that Must Be Included on the Permissions Log

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* Non Academic Magazines/Newspapers/Periodicals – Content over 50 words
* Author-created content that has been previously published
* Clip Art
* Figures or Tables
* Government Publications (including Public Domain material)
* Online materials
* Interviews
* Personal Letters
* Patient Information and/or Images
* Photos (even author-owned photos)
* Poetry or Lyrics
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Notwithstanding the above guidelines, anytime the “heart” of the original work – the most important feature or essence – is being used, it must be listed on the log. Also, please note: while the above content does not need to be included on a log, *proper credit to the source* *must be given* within the text.

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**How to Fill in the Permissions Log**

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**Submitting the Final Permissions and Permissions Log**

The final permissions log and all corresponding permissions are due with your final manuscript. In addition to completing the columns described for the draft log, you should have now added in the dates on which permissions were requested and received. All of the permissions that you have received should also be labeled/numbered to correspond to the permissions log, and all permissions and the permissions log should be faxed or scanned/emailed to your editorial assistant. Please see below for a final permissions checklist to help you check over your work, as well as a sample of a completed permissions log.

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