

National Core Content Collection: Permitted & Prohibited Uses

This document summarises for healthcare library staff in England how National Core Content (NCC) databases and e-journals can and cannot be used. It takes into account the CLA Licence for the NHS in England and UK Copyright Legislation, as well as the NCC Providers' usage terms.

1. NCC Databases

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- export individual bibliographic data and abstracts to reference management software.

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2. NCC Journals

The vast majority of journals with ISBNs are covered by the NHS in England CLA Licence (if in doubt, use the 'Check Permissions' search at <https://www.cla.co.uk/> and select "Public Sector" / "NHS in England" from the drop-down list of licence sector types).

This means that single or multiple copies of journal articles may be made for anyone covered by the CLA Licence for the NHS in England, supplied digitally or in print, and stored for personal use or on secure networks (e.g. intranets and virtual learning environments accessible only to those covered by the Licence).

Note that the CLA Licence only covers the abstracts and articles within the individual journals, and not the abstracts created and stored within the bibliographic databases.

Summary of what is always PROHIBITED

- Using any NCC content where the primary purpose is for commercial use.
- Placing any NCC content – abstracts or articles – on internet websites.
- Systematically distributing any NCC content to anyone who isn't eligible to access it themselves via OpenAthens.
- Removing or altering the authors' names or the publisher's copyright notices, or otherwise altering, abridging, adapting or modifying the content, including any trademarks, logos, or other proprietary information.
- Making multiple print or electronic copies of articles, abstracts or items so as to create a substantial collection / subset of the individual NCC databases or journal collections.
- Providing individual articles / abstracts / items to other eligible users at high volumes that might be regarded as a subscription replacement.