

Dataset licensing at the University of Bristol

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Current situation

- Current global licence is Non-Commercial Government Licence v2.0
- Moving to CC-BY 4.0, subject to agreement from SecO
- Users can apply different licences to all or part of their data
- Usually done via a note in dataset readme file

Licensing advice offered

- Topic briefly covered in workshops & online training
- Generally discussed with respect to software only
- Point out to internal and external resources

Flagging different licences

- Check box in deposit record to indicate material using other licenses
- Will appear in record as a flag to users
- No other information provided in metadata

Licence

Creative Commons Attribution 4.0

Non-Commercial Government License for public sector information

Deposit contains material under additional licence(s)

Select this if your dataset contains files under licences other than the default licence. Common examples are licences for software or data from third parties.

Future directions

- Alternate licences listed in description/documentation
- Alternate licences listed in data
- Elements with different licenses published as separate deposits
- Structured metadata?