Film

copyright duration -
when copyright has expired

Australia
Important

before May 1969 film {stock/strip} was also considered photography {series of images}

a film contains underlying or 'other' copyright works that are protected separately from the film, such as script and sound.
Films

made before 1st May 1969 & 'dramatic' [original, acting and characters]

out of copyright - © has expired
if the creator(s) / author(s) died before and the film was made before
1st Jan 1955

in copyright
life of creator(s) or author(s) of images + 70 years
note

film footage shot before May 1969 within copyright law is defined as a series of photographs - (author of the images)

Jan 1955 - May 1969 an author is defined as meaning the 'owner' of the film stock

if a company [film] owned the stock the photographer is the author
Films
made before 1st May 1969 & a non-dramatic work

out of copyright - © has expired
if made before 1st Jan 1955

in copyright
life of the author(s) [of images] + 70 years
if made after 1st Jan 1955
Films
made after or on 1st May 1969

in copyright

[© ]

year first published + 70 years

[© ]
note

the film script & sound recording may still be protected by copyright

film scripts and sound recordings are separate works from the 'film'/'images'
Literary works [script, book, article etc]

published {made public - broadcast, published, recorded, sold, offered for sale, or performed}

out of copyright - © has expired

if the creator died before

1st Jan 1955

work created or creator remains alive after 1st Jan 1955

©

life of the creator + 70 years
Literary works [script, book, article etc]

unpublished {not made public}

in copyright

©

life of the creator + 70 years
Sound Recordings

out of copyright - © expired

if made before 1st Jan 1955

if made after 1st Jan 1955

year first published + 70 years
Broadcasts - TV
made before 1st May 1969

out of copyright - © expired

broadcasts before May 1969 are not protected by ©
Broadcasts - TV
made after 1st May 1969

\[ \text{in copyright} \]
\[ 1\text{st Jan 1955} \] → \[ \text{C} \] → \[ \text{C} \text{ year broadcast + 50 years} \]
government

films created by or on behalf of the government have a different duration term {number of years}

generally year first published or year made + 50 years
Films - government
made before 1st May 1969 & 'dramatic' [original, acting and characters]

out of copyright - © has expired
if first published before 1st Jan 1955

if created after or on 1st May 1969

in copyright
©
year first published + 50 years
Films - government
made before 1st May 1969 & not 'dramatic'

out of copyright - © has expired
if made before
1st Jan 1955

if created after or on 1st May 1969

in copyright
©
year made + 50 years
Films - government
made after or on 1st May 1969

in copyright

©

year first published + 50 years

©
Literary works [script, book, article etc] - government

- out of copyright - © has expired
  if first published before
  1st Jan 1955

- work created or published after
  1st Jan 1955

- in copyright
  year published + 50 years
Sound Recordings - government

out of copyright - © expired
if made before 1st Jan 1955

if made after 1st Jan 1955

in copyright
©
year first published
+ 50 years
Broadcasts - TV - government
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1st Jan 1955

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