



**OFFICE OF FILM
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CLASSIFICATION**

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Key Information For Librarians

Red Means Restricted

If a DVD, book, magazine or any other sort of publication carries a red classification label, this means it is restricted to persons of and over the age specified. The most common age restrictions assigned are R13, R16, and R18.

Restrictions apply to everyone - parents and guardians cannot override them

An age restriction means that it is illegal for anyone to supply the publication to an underage person. This includes parents or guardians.

Section 8 exemptions

Some DVDs and videos are exempt from the requirement to carry a classification label provided they are not restricted publications (for example they do not contain sexual or violent content or offensive language that may require a restricted classification).

Classification labels for restricted publications

If you have books, graphic novels, magazines or other printed publications in your collection which have been given a restricted classification, you may need to obtain an official classification label for them.

Restricted books and other print publications should not be kept on the open shelf

A restriction on a book, magazine, graphic novel, etc means that it is illegal to make the publication available to any person under the age of the restriction. By keeping the publication in the closed stack or behind the desk staff are able to monitor who accesses it and ask for proof of age identification if necessary.

Display a classification label poster

The Classification Act requires that all premises supplying films (including DVDs and videos) to the public display a poster which explains what the classification labels mean. The poster is required to be at least A3 in size and must be displayed in a prominent location where it is easily readable. The Office has supplies of these posters available in A3 and A2 size. Posters are supplied free of charge.

We can provide you with posters, brochures and flyers about the censorship system

The Information Unit has a variety of printed information highlighting aspects of the censorship system. All information is provided free of charge.

Website resources

The Office's website has a section dedicated to libraries, and includes information on book classification, managing restricted publications, labelling requirements for DVDs and box sets and a link to the Library Newsletter.

We have a newsletter for librarians

The newsletter is sent out every second month and highlights classification issues of relevance to librarians, such as recently classified books, and answers to questions we've been receiving from librarians. The newsletter is sent out along with an Excel spreadsheet of banned and restricted books. To subscribe to the newsletter contact the Information Unit.

We can send someone to talk to your library

The Office can send a speaker to talk to your library staff about the censorship system at any point during the year. Talks can be tailored to cover specific aspects of the system, and are done at no cost to the library.

For more information on any of these issues contact the Information Unit

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