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# **COPYRIGHT POLICY**

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### 1. BACKGROUND

As AELERT is not an incorporated body and therefore has no legal identity, it is unable to hold copyright or intellectual property over any products produced by its members. This policy aims to offer copyright protection to the work produced by AELERT members.

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# 4. COPYRIGHT HOLDERS

As AELERT cannot hold copyright, copyright will be retained by the members (or their home agencies, depending on home agency requirements) who produce the work.

# 4.1. Work involving individual members

When an individual member produces work for AELERT, copyright will be retained by the individual member as per their home agency's requirements. The license type to be used will be determined by the member, or their agency, and AELERT.

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