

# Creative Commons Licenses

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## What is Creative Commons?

Creative Commons (CC) is a system that allows creators to share their work with others while keeping some rights. It provides different types of licenses to control how a work can be used, modified, and shared.

## Types of Creative Commons Licenses

There are six main types of Creative Commons licenses. Each has different rules about how the work can be used.

### 1. CC BY (Attribution)

- This is the most open license.
- You can copy, change, and share the work, even for commercial purposes.
- You must give credit to the original creator.

### 2. CC BY-SA (Attribution-ShareAlike)

- You can copy, change, and share the work, even for commercial purposes.
- You must give credit to the original creator.
- If you make changes, you must use the same CC BY-SA license for your work.

### 3. CC BY-ND (Attribution-NoDerivatives)

- You can copy and share the work, even for commercial purposes.
- You must give credit to the original creator.
- You cannot change or modify the work in any way.

### 4. CC BY-NC (Attribution-NonCommercial)

- You can copy, change, and share the work for non-commercial purposes.
- You must give credit to the original creator.
- You cannot use the work for commercial purposes.

### 5. CC BY-NC-SA (Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike)

- You can copy, change, and share the work for non-commercial purposes.
- You must give credit to the original creator.
- If you make changes, you must use the same CC BY-NC-SA license for your work.
- You cannot use the work for commercial purposes.

### 6. CC BY-NC-ND (Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives)

- This is the most restrictive license.
- You can copy and share the work for non-commercial purposes.
- You must give credit to the original creator.

- You cannot change or modify the work in any way.
- You cannot use the work for commercial purposes.

## How to Recognize Creative Commons Licenses

Each CC license has a symbol:

- **BY** = Credit must be given.
- **SA** = Share with the same license.
- **ND** = No changes allowed.
- **NC** = No commercial use.

## Why Use Creative Commons?

- It helps creators share their work while keeping some rights.
- It makes it easy for people to use and share creative works legally.
- It encourages collaboration and creativity.

## Summary Table

License	Can share?	Can modify?	Can use commercially?	Must give credit?
CC BY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CC BY-SA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CC BY-ND	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
CC BY-NC	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
CC BY-NC-SA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
CC BY-NC-ND	Yes	No	No	Yes

With Creative Commons, we can share knowledge, art, and ideas in a legal and respectful way.