

# Legal Deposit in Western Australia



# Deposit today. Improve tomorrow.

If you live or work in Western Australia and publish content, you can help the State Library of Western Australia preserve our State's heritage by depositing copies of your published material.

## What is Legal Deposit?

Legal Deposit is a statutory provision that obliges publishers to provide copies of their publications to libraries in the state in which they are published.

## What is a publication?

A publication is any material that has been made available to the public freely, for sale or by request. For example:

Book	Music	Film
Newspaper	Magazine	Annual report
Newsletter	Periodical	Journal
Directory	Handbook	Guidebook
Postcard	Map	Pamphlet

## Who is a publisher?

Any person, group or organisation that resides in Western Australia and produces content that is made available to the public is a publisher.

## Why Deposit?

By depositing your publications, you will be placing them in a trusted archive for preservation and use by future generations. You are also meeting your legal responsibilities.

## What are my legal responsibilities?

If you are a publisher, you are required to deposit at the State Library of Western Australia a copy of your publication within 30 days of it being published. This copy must be the 'best' copy of what was published. For example, if a book was published in both hardback and paperback forms, the best copy would be the hardback version.

A copy of any work published in Australia must also be deposited with the National Library of Australia under the *Copyright Act 1968*.

## Can I deposit my work at my local library?

No, the State Library of Western Australia is the only legal deposit library for Western Australia under the *Legal Deposit Act 2012*.

By helping us to collect and preserve today's artistic, commercial, technical and scientific material, you are making tomorrow a better place.

Deposited publications will be made publicly accessible at the State Library of Western Australia.





**Worth creating.  
Worth keeping.**

## How do I deposit publications?

Publications can be mailed to:

Legal Deposit  
State Library of Western Australia  
Perth Cultural Centre  
25 Francis Street  
PERTH WA 6000

## For more information:

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