Introduction

This guidance provides practical information about when it is permissible to re-use images of the Royal Arms.

The Royal Arms

The Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom, and the Royal Coat of Arms of Scotland, are the official coats of arms of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Royal Arms may only be used by:

- Her Majesty The Queen, in her official capacity as monarch (variants of the Royal Arms may be used by other members of the Royal Family)
- government departments and agencies on letterheads, in the context of departmental logos

Government departments and agencies

The Royal Arms may be used on government publications issued by, or on behalf of, government departments and agencies. Re-use is also permitted in the context of copying a government report or legislation, for instance:

- in a press report where the front page of a government report is used to support an accompanying article
- in a photocopied version of a report made, for example, by a library

Government departments seeking to use the Royal Arms for another purpose will require Cabinet Office approval, but initial enquiries can be sent to psi@nationalarchives.gov.uk.
Use in film, television and theatre productions

Enquiries about the use of the Royal Arms as set dressing in film, television or theatre productions should be emailed to psi@nationalarchives.gov.uk, with further details about how the Royal Arms will be used.

Individuals, companies and organisations

Individuals, companies and organisations that have been awarded a Royal Warrant by Her Majesty The Queen may use the Royal Arms in accordance with the terms of the Warrant that has been issued to them. The Lord Chamberlain’s Office has published further guidance on Use of Royal Arms, Names and Images.

Any other use or re-use of the Royal Arms, or part of the Royal Arms, or Crest is not permitted

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