Legal deposit [1]

Legal deposit is a statutory requirement for publishers to deposit their publications with the Library.

Legal deposit systems are in place in most jurisdictions around the world including New South Wales.

The Copyright Act 1879 (NSW) [2] mandates that a copy of materials published in New South Wales be deposited by the publishers in the State Library of NSW, the University of Sydney Library and the Parliamentary Library of NSW. This requirement is called ‘legal deposit’.

Legal deposit ensures the material is catalogued, accessible and archived in perpetuity, recording the publishing output of NSW and the achievements of NSW publishers.

Legal deposit legislation [3] operates nationally as well as in most states and territories.

Further information about legal deposit in Australia is available on the National edeposit website. [4]

How to deposit publications

For NSW (non-government) publishers

Print publications

If you are a NSW publisher, please send publications to:

Legal Deposit
Level 2
State Library of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

If you have an enquiry regarding legal deposit, please contact the Library at legal.deposit@sl.nsw.gov.au[5]; or (02) 9273 1490.

Digital publications

Currently legal deposit does not extend to digital publications. However, the Library accepts the deposit of NSW digital publications through the National edeposit (NED) service. [4]

For NSW Government publishers

Print publications


If you publish NSW Government print publications, please send them to:

Government Publications
Level 2
State Library of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
Sydney, NSW 2000
If you have an enquiry regarding the deposit of print government publications, please contact the Library at gov.dep@sl.nsw.gov.au [8]; // -->.

**Digital publications**

For NSW government digital publications, the Library will accept these through the National edeposit (NED) service [4].

**For Australian Government publishers**

**Print publications**

The Commonwealth Library Deposit and Free Issue Schemes [9] (LDS) requires that Australian government publishers deposit their publications at the State Library of NSW and other libraries.

If you publish Australian Government publications, please send them to:

Government Publications
Level 2
State Library of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

If you have an enquiry regarding the deposit of print government publications, please contact the Library at gov.dep@sl.nsw.gov.au [10].

**Digital publications**

The Library will accept Australian Government digital publications through the National edeposit (NED) service [4].


**Links**

[8] mailto:gov.dep@sl.nsw.gov.au?subject=Enquiry%3A%20Deposit%20of%20print%20government%20publications
[10] &amp;#109;&amp;#97;&amp;#105;&amp;#108;&amp;#116;&amp;#58;&amp;#103;&amp;#111;&amp;#118;&amp;#46;&amp;#100;&amp;#101;&amp;#112;&amp;#64;&amp;#115;&amp;#108;&amp;#46;&amp;#110;&amp;#115;&amp;#119;&amp;#46;&amp;#103;&amp;#111;&amp;#118;&amp;#46;&amp;#97;&amp;#117;