



# THE 5 MOST UNFAIR CONDITIONS in Educational Licences in Europe

Educational licences for using copyrighted content in schools include many terms and conditions that restrict users' rights and that are unfair or unreasonable. We present the 5 most unfair conditions based on an analysis of 10 licences:

Condition	Why is it unfair?
Licensor can inspect materials, secured networks and storage platforms used by schools, without being required to keep the information obtained confidential	Does not prevent licensors from disclosing and making commercial uses of sensitive information, such as data related with the performance of students
Licensor can enter a school's premises at any time, provided it gives reasonable notice, to ensure compliance with the licence and inspect procedures	Can disrupt the normal operation of schools
Schools have to take reasonable steps to ensure that licences are not infringed by teachers, students and third parties	Creates an excessive burden on schools that have to start policing teachers, students, parents and third parties
School must own, or subscribe to, a copy of the materials it copies, scans or uses under the licences	Does not allow uses of materials owned by teachers and students or borrowed from a library or legally obtained
Digital copies may not contain hypertext links (or the like) to any external or third-party website	Prevents teachers and students from comparing, verifying and updating information and knowledge

Read more in the new Communia report by Teresa Nobre, "Educational Licences in Europe", available at <https://www.communia-association.org/C4ed>