Article Reprint and Syndication Licence

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HOW TO USE IT

Fill in every [BLANK]. Where you see ☐ options, keep the ones you want and strike the rest.

BEFORE YOU SIGN

This is a template, not a lawyer-drafted legal document and not legal advice. It replaces the verbal agreement most of this work runs on, so both sides have the terms in writing. Laws differ by country and by state. Have a lawyer where you live read it before anyone signs.

1 The parties and the article

1.1 This licence is made on [DATE] between [WRITER FULL NAME], of [ADDRESS] (the "Writer"), and [PUBLICATION OR COMPANY NAME], of [ADDRESS] (the "Publication").

1.2 It covers the article titled [ARTICLE TITLE], about [WORD COUNT] words, written by the Writer (the "Article"). The Article first appeared in [ORIGINAL PUBLICATION OR WEBSITE] on [DATE], at [URL] (the "Original").

2 Who owns the Article

2.1 The Writer owns the copyright in the Article and keeps it. This licence transfers no ownership. The Publication receives only the permissions in clauses 3 and 4. Every right not named there stays with the Writer.

2.2 The Article is not a work made for hire, and the Writer did not write it as an employee of the Publication.

3 What the Publication may do

3.1 The Writer grants the Publication a licence to publish the Article in [ENGLISH], in the media ticked below. Keep one of the next three options.

- ☐ Non-exclusive. The Writer may license the Article to anyone else at the same time.
- ☐ Exclusive for the whole Term in clause 4, in the territory and media licensed, subject to clause 9.
- ☐ Exclusive for [90] days from the date the Publication first runs the Article, then non-exclusive for the rest of the Term, subject to clause 9.

3.2 Media. Tick every one that applies. A medium not ticked is not licensed.

- ☐ Print editions of [NAME OF MAGAZINE, NEWSPAPER OR BOOK].

- ☐ The Publication's own website and apps, at one URL.
- ☐ The Publication's email newsletter.
- ☐ Excerpts of up to [150] words on the Publication's social media accounts, each with a link to the full reprint.
- ☐ A translation into [LANGUAGE], once the Writer approves the translated text in writing.

4 Territory, term and run date

4.1 Territory: [WORLDWIDE OR NAMED COUNTRIES]. If online use is licensed, readers anywhere may read the online reprint.

4.2 The licence starts on [START DATE] and ends on [END DATE OR "12 MONTHS AFTER THE START DATE"] (the "Term").

4.3 The Publication will first run the Article by [DATE, OR 90 DAYS AFTER SIGNING]. If it does not, the licence ends on that date.

- ☐ If the licence ends because the Article did not run, the fee stays payable.
- ☐ If the licence ends because the Article did not run, no fee is due.

5 Fee

5.1 The Publication will pay the Writer [AMOUNT AND CURRENCY], plus any GST, VAT or other tax that applies.

- ☐ The Writer invoices on signing. ☐ The Writer invoices on first publication. Each invoice is due within [30] days.
- ☐ No fee. The Writer licenses the Article in return for the credit, link and bio in clause 6.

5.2 If a payment is more than [30] days late, the Writer may end this licence under clause 12.

6 Credit, byline and link back

6.1 The Article runs under the byline [WRITER NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR].

- ☐ At the top of the Article ☐ At the end of the Article, the Publication prints this credit line: "This article first appeared in [ORIGINAL PUBLICATION] on [DATE]. Reprinted with the author's permission." Online, the name of the Original links to the URL in clause 1.

6.2 The Publication runs the Writer's bio, [BIO OF UP TO 50 WORDS], with a link to [WRITER WEBSITE].

6.3 The byline, credit line, link and bio stay in place for the whole Term, in every medium licensed. The Writer asserts the right to be identified as the author of the Article.

7 Edits

7.1 The Publication may, without asking: correct spelling and grammar, apply its house style, write its own captions, and cut up to [10] % of the length.

- ☐ The Publication may write its own headline and standfirst. ☐ The Writer approves the headline and standfirst before publication.

7.2 Any other change needs the Writer's written approval, including a longer cut, new material, a new quote, or a change to the argument or tone. The Writer will reply within [3] working days. If the Writer does not approve, the Publication runs the Article as supplied or not at all.

7.3 The Publication will not use an AI tool to rewrite, summarise, translate or extend the Article without the Writer's written consent.

7.4 Images, captions and headlines the Publication adds are its own responsibility.

8 Search engines and the online copy

8.1 If online use is licensed, the reprint page carries one of the following for the whole Term. Keep one.

- ☐ A noindex robots meta tag, such as <meta name="robots" content="noindex">, so search engines do not index the reprint.
- ☐ A rel="canonical" link to the Original's URL.
- ☐ Neither. Search engines may index the reprint as the Publication's own page.

8.2 The Publication will not remove the tag, the canonical link or the link to the Original during the Term.

9 The Writer's right to republish elsewhere

9.1 The Writer may at any time leave the Original where it is, publish the Article on the Writer's own website and newsletter, and include it in a book or collection of the Writer's work.

9.2 During any exclusive period in clause 3, the Writer will not license the Article to another [NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE OR WEBSITE] in the territory. After it, the Writer may license the Article to anyone.

- ☐ When the Writer republishes after the reprint has run, the Writer will mention that the Article also appeared in the Publication.

10 No sublicensing, no AI training

10.1 The Publication may not sublicense, syndicate, sell or give the Article to anyone else, including content partners, news aggregators and databases, without the Writer's written consent.

- ☐ The Publication may syndicate the Article to [NAMED PARTNERS] on the terms of this licence, and will pay the Writer [AMOUNT OR SHARE] for each.

10.2 The Publication will not use the Article, or let anyone else use it, to train an AI model, and will not license it for that purpose.

11 Promises and complaints

11.1 The Writer confirms that the Writer owns the copyright in the Article, that any exclusive rights given to the publisher of the Original have ended or that publisher has agreed in writing, and that the Article is the Writer's own work except for quotes credited in it.

11.2 The Article was accurate, to the Writer's knowledge, when the Original was published. The Publication decides whether anything needs updating for its readers, under clause 7.

11.3 If either party receives a complaint or legal claim about the reprint, it will tell the other within [7] days, and both will work on the response together.

12 Ending the licence

12.1 The licence ends at the end of the Term, or earlier under clause 4 or this clause.

12.2 Either party may end it by written notice if the other breaches it and does not put the breach right within [14] days of being asked to.

12.3 When the licence ends, the Publication makes no new use of the Article. Print copies already distributed need not be recalled.

- ☐ The online reprint comes down within [30] days of the end.
- ☐ The online reprint may stay in the Publication's archive, with the byline, credit line, link and tag in clauses 6 and 8, but will not be promoted or republished.

12.4 Clauses 2, 9, 10 and 11 continue after the licence ends.

13 Law and general

13.1 This licence is governed by the laws of [COUNTRY, AND STATE OR EMIRATE IF ANY], and the courts of [CITY] have jurisdiction.

13.2 This is the whole agreement about the reprint. Changes count only in writing confirmed by both parties, and email counts. The licence may be signed by electronic signature and in counterparts.

Signatures

Writer (licensor)

SIGNATURE

FULL NAME

DATE

For the Publication (licensee): name and title

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