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## INFORMATION TEXTBOOKS – NON-MEMBERS

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### BACKGROUND

A licence is the contractual permission to use an authorised party's rights, in a work protected by copyright, in a specific way. Based on an overall treaty, Literar-Mechana is entitled to negotiate with and enter into agreements with textbook publishers on behalf of their members, as well as non-members (authors/publishers). This applies to licenses pertaining to the category of written text.

The link to the overall treaty can be found [here](#).

### WHAT HAPPENS TO TEXTS BY NON-MEMBERS?

The licences at issue only apply to the works of rightsholders (authors/publisher) that are in a management relationship with Literar-Mechana. Members will be paid their share of the licensing revenue without any further intervention. However, Literar-Mechana may also grant licences for works of outside parties/non-members (authors/publishers). The consent of the outside parties/non-members is not required for this.

### WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AS NON-MEMBER?

As a non-member, you have the same rights and obligations as members regarding license conditions, tariffs and collected moneys. The licences granted by Literar-Mechana to users must have the same conditions for outside parties as for beneficial owners. Literar-Mechana will enter into agreements with textbook publishers on your behalf. In the event that we obtain your contact data, Literar-Mechana will collect and distribute payments for these uses, and you will be paid your share of the licensing revenue (after deduction of administration charges).

Please send us your contact details if you know of any usage of one of your works protected by copyright in Austrian textbooks.

### BECOMING MEMBER OF LITERAR-MECHANA

If you would like to become a member of Literar-Mechana, there is the possibility for outside parties to enter into an authorisation agreement and, therefore, become beneficial owners. After joining Literar-Mechana, you can also participate in and benefit from other distribution fields of our collective managing system.

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