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SOFTWARE ANTI-PIRACY POLICY

1. Illegal Copying and use of Software

Unlicensed duplication or use of any software is illegal and can expose you and the University to civil and criminal liability under copyright law.

2. General Guidance

In order to ensure that you do not unintentionally or inadvertently violate the software publisher's copyright, you should not copy or install any software onto University computers without the permission of the University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Information Services), in order to verify that a licence is held to cover such installation.

- The University will not tolerate any employee making unauthorised copies of software

- Staff or Students found copying software illegally will be reported to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services), and will be subject to disciplinary action

- Staff or Students illegally copying software to give to any third party, including clients and customers, will be reported to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services), and will be subject to disciplinary action

- Staff or Students should not download or upload unauthorised software over the Internet

- If you want to use software licensed by the University at home, you must consult with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Information Services) to make sure such use is permitted by the publisher's licence

Unless a strict policy on software use is enforced, both you and the University are exposed to serious legal consequences. The IT Support Unit will use auditing software to inventory hard disks and ascertain that licences exist for each copy of a software product resident on a hard disk.

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