

# Permission

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## Discussion

A Permission is a rule allowing a [Party](#) to perform a specified action or be in a specified state.

A Permission may arise from an [Agreement](#), law, regulation, policy, authority, license, or another applicable source.

A Permission may be subject to one or more [Conditions](#). The Permission applies only when its applicable Conditions are satisfied.

## Definition

*rule allowing a party to perform a specified action or be in a specified state under stated conditions*

## Source

Adapted from:

- [W3C ODRL Vocabulary and Expression 2.2, Permission](#)
- [W3C Web Services Glossary, Permission](#)

## Note

- A Permission identifies allowed conduct rather than conduct that has occurred
- A Permission may identify the Party receiving the Permission
- A Permission may identify the Party or authority granting the Permission
- A Permission may identify the permitted action, subject, object, scope, Conditions, and Effective Period
- A Permission may be conditional, limited, delegated, transferred, suspended, revoked, terminated, or expired
- A Permission is distinct from a [Right](#) because a Right establishes an entitlement while a Permission allows specified conduct
- A Permission is distinct from a [Prohibition](#) because a Prohibition forbids specified conduct
- A Permission does not require the permitted Party to perform the permitted action
- Absence of a recorded Prohibition does not establish a Permission
- Recording a Permission does not, by itself, determine that the Permission exists or is legally enforceable

## Example

An Agreement permits a Party to disclose otherwise confidential information to a regulator when applicable law requires the disclosure.

The Permission identifies the Party, permitted disclosure, recipient, applicable Conditions, and period during which the Permission applies.

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