# **RCA Resource Stores**

Quick Guide Complete Terms & Conditions

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## **Quick Guide**

#### Introduction

We are open for Media bookings, collections and drop-offs in our Battersea, Kensington and White City campus' on weekdays with some exceptions during other times, like holiday periods and during the graduate show build.

Any changes to opening hours will be detailed on the home page of the Intranet and Connect2, which is the resource store online booking system.

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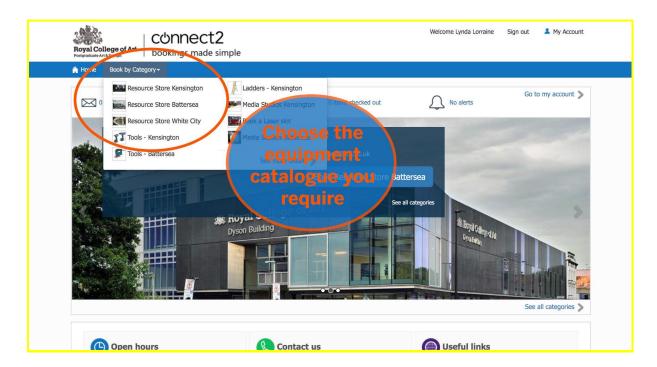
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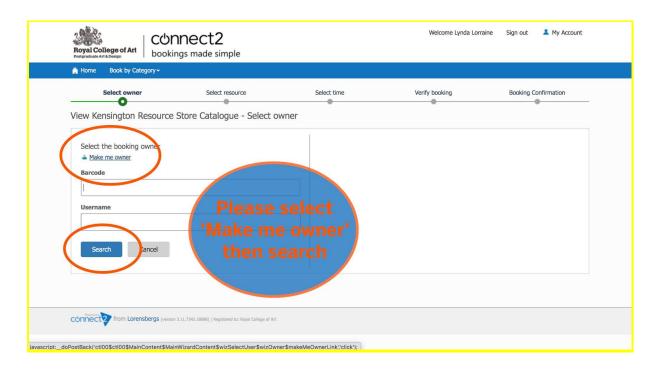
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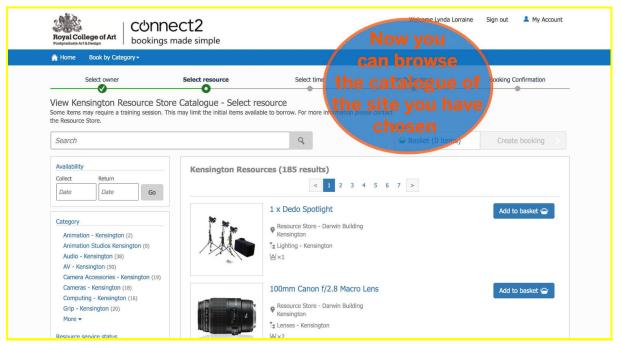
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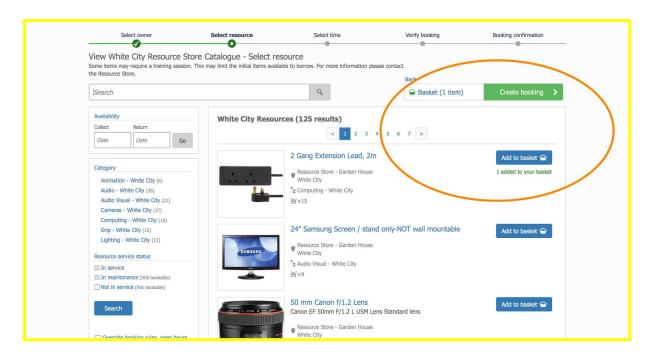


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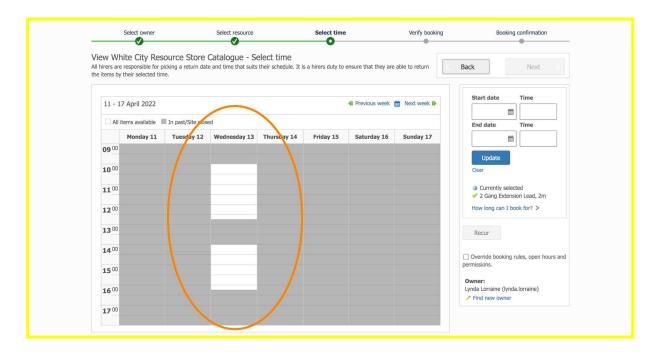
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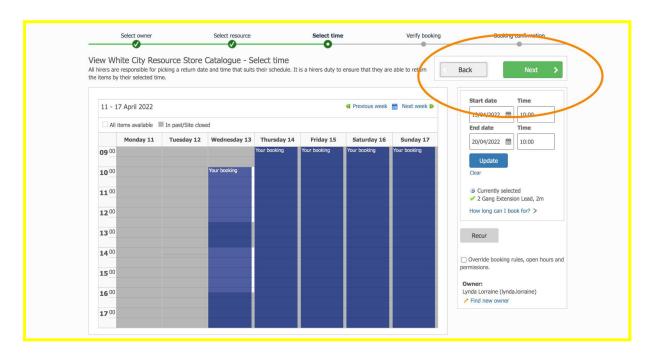
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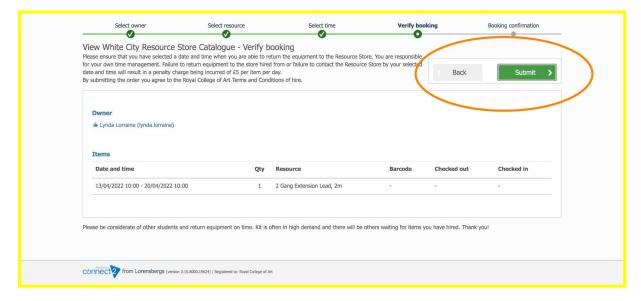


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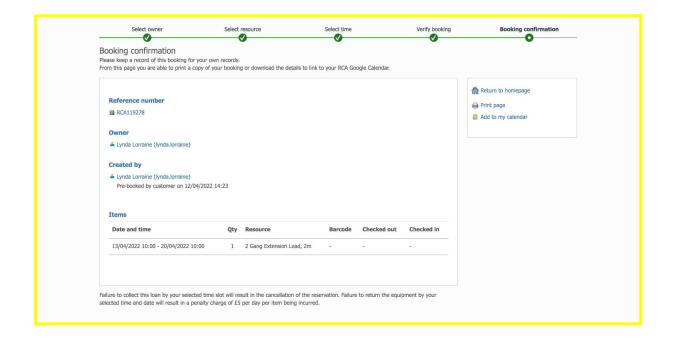
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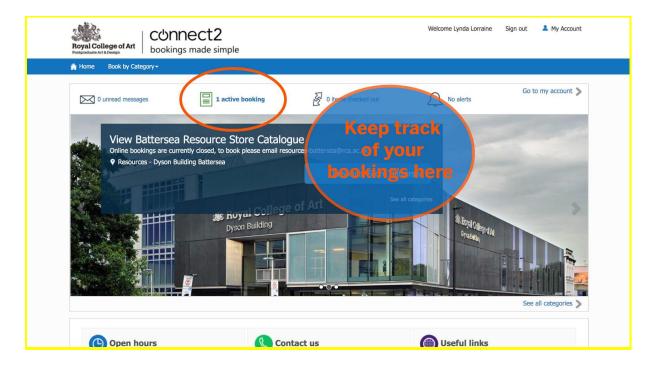
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DO NOT make a new bookings to 'extend' your current bookings as you will get fined for the late return of the original booking.

#### Further information and your responsibilities

We have an intranet page for all our latest information. The easiest way to find our page is to simply search for 'Resource Store' and it will be the first link that comes up. Our terms and conditions, additional equipment support, including links to manuals, quick guides and video guides here can be found here as well.

#### https://intranet.rca.ac.uk/av-equipment-hire-resource-store/

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If any equipment that you borrow is lost, broken or stolen your ability to borrow from us will be at risk and you may be charged for replacements and/or repairs.

#### Questions & Issues

Our team is very friendly, knowledgeable and helpful, so if you have any questions at all, or need advice with the equipment we have, do not hesitate in either visiting us while we are open, or by emailing us as soon as you can so that we can try to resolve any issues or questions that you may have.

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For a comprehensive breakdown of our **Resource Store Terms and Conditions**, please continue to read the remainder of this document.

We look forward to you exploring what we have and seeing you soon!

### Resource Store Terms & Conditions

#### Locations

#### Battersea

2nd floor, next to the Photography Darkroom Dyson Building, 1 Hester Road, London. SW11 4AN resources-battersea@rca.ac.uk

#### Kensington

Lower ground floor, entrance via Lower Galleries
Darwin Building, Kensington Gore, London. SW7 2EU
resources-kensington@rca.ac.uk

#### White City

Ground floor, behind the Café area Garden House, Dorando Close, London. W12 7FN resources-white-city@rca.ac.uk

For our latest opening hours please refer to our Intranet page and the home page of Connect2 (our online booking system), signing in with your usual RCA login credentials.

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## Accessibility

#### Who Can Hire?

Access to the Royal College of Art (RCA) equipment is available only to Royal College of Art staff and students.

All staff and students must use their RCA email account as all loan correspondence will be via this account. Alternative email addresses will not be accepted.

Borrowers must inform the Resource Store team should any of personal contact details change during the academic year.

Please note that only Royal College of Art students and staff may hire out equipment from the RCA Resource Stores, and that a borrowers access to certain items will be determined by equipment availability, training and course requirements.

#### **Data Protection**

All details are subject to the Data Protection Act and will not be disclosed to other students or staff. Failure to return equipment or to pay penalty fines will result in disciplinary action, and may delay the final award of your qualification.

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### **Booking Rules**

#### Hire Periods

Item hiring periods vary from unit to unit dependent on demand and quantity of each item type. A standard loan is up to a maximum of 3 to 7 days, however this varies across item types. All hiring periods will be made clear during the hiring process.

#### Advance Bookings

Advance bookings for items are usually made via the resource booking website, using your usual RCA login credentials. If you require further advice or special requirements you can email the stores directly, or go to the stores in person.

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#### **Booking Collection and Return Location**

If you miss your booking collection time, your booking will automatically be cancelled on Connect2. If you still require the equipment once it has been cancelled, you will need to make the booking again (subject to availability).

Equipment cannot be transferred between resource store locations or delivered to studio spaces or any other locations.

For example; if you require item/s from the Kensington Resource store, you have to travel to the Kensington Resource store to collect and return it.

#### **Booking Extensions**

Extensions for items in high-demand or that are lower in quantity are not available; however, a hirer borrowing a more common item will have the option of an extension at the discretion of the Resource Store team. The granting of extensions are subject to availability and demand. Extensions cannot be guaranteed.

If you have made a booking yourself, these can be renewed online before they are due back - this only applies if you renew them before they become overdue.

#### Return Dates, Opening Hours and Location

All RCA bookings must be returned by the agreed borrower, items returned by a third party will not be accepted unless previously arranged with the relevant resource store.

There are no out of hours returns. A hirer is responsible for picking a return date and time that suits their schedule; it is a hirers duty to ensure that they are able to return the items by their selected time.

Items must be returned in person, at the booking return time to the resource store location from which the booking was collected during the stores opening hours.

Bookings will not be accepted by other staff members outside of these hours unless special arrangements have been made beforehand.

Please check both your booking details and the opening hours of each resource store carefully. Do not leave equipment at reception or any other location.

#### Condition of Returns

All items must be returned by the borrower in the same condition as they were received. We do our best to ensure kits are kept complete, but we may occasionally miss something. It is highly suggested that hirers check items at the time of checkout and before items are returned. This will help to prevent any items being checked out as incomplete kits. Any damage reported or detected once the items are in the borrowers possession will be deemed the borrowers responsibility.

It is the borrowers responsibility to use equipment with care and to keep it in good working condition so that equipment can be utilised by the maximum amount of users possible.

#### Late Returns

Late returns will incur a fine, and hirers who have overdue items will not be permitted to loan additional items until all fines are paid and the overdue equipment is returned.

Loan extensions cannot always be granted on overdue equipment.

Failing to return bookings on time directly impacts other students.

If you know you will have, or you are having issues with returning your booking, please let us know as soon as possible.

#### Lost, Damaged Items

The security of an item loaned out under a hirers name is the their responsibility, and any items lost must be paid for. Negligent use may result in the hirer being charged for the cost of replacement, spares or repair for equipment on a 'new' for 'old' equivalence or the excess cost of any insurance claim made.

If an item is stolen the hirer will be found liable for the replacement costs unless they provide a Crime Reference Number obtained from the police for insurance purposes. However, if the theft is deemed to be as a result negligence on the part of the hirer, the hirer will be responsible for the excess costs of any insurance claim or for the cost of replacement equipment on a 'new' for 'old' equivalence if an insurance claim is not possible.

Please report any faults with items or facilities as soon as possible to the relevant resource store using our email addresses.

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A borrower must inform staff if they wish to take any items abroad, as they will be required to pay for their own insurance cover and will be liable for any damages made outside of the UK.

#### **Equipment Training**

Any issuing Resource Store team member is free to judge the competence of the borrower.

Some items may require further reading or training (via equipment handbooks, training videos or with a relevant technician) which may limit the initial items available to borrowers.

https://intranet.rca.ac.uk/av-equipment-hire-resource-store/https://moodle.rca.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=218&section=2

#### **Emergency Planning**

Exceptional circumstances - In the event of sudden and extended College closure we will do our best to provide adequate facilities for equipment loans and returns where possible. Where this is not possible booking loans can be extended on a case by case basis on the advice of the Head of Technical Services.

Once your agreed booking has ended under these circumstances, it is your responsibility to return bookings to College, even if you have been studying remotely outside of London, either in the UK or

abroad. This includes all safe packaging, courier, customs costs and charges. If you wish to avoid incurring these costs, you may have to return items before you leave. If you are unable to return equipment in these circumstances your booking will be classed as lost and the usual policy for lost or damaged equipment will apply. Please see local or intranet notices for further advice, or speak to the resource team via email to discuss further.

#### **Penalties**

In order to encourage professional practice and to guarantee fair access to all RCA students and staff, a penalty system has been put in place. Both members of staff and the student body are liable for any fines incurred. All funds generated as a result of the fining process will be put towards essential maintenance and repair of RCA equipment and is not to be used to the advantage of any individual, School or Department within RCA, nor will it be used for recreational purposes.

#### Penalties Circumstances

- Items returned after the due date (fine for overdue period)
- Lost items (replacement costs)
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All replacement costs are valued with a 'new' for 'old' equivalence. If the replacement is due to negligence on behalf of the hirer they will be liable for either the entire replacement cost or the insurance excess; this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The standard 'late items' fine rate is £5/day per item for each 24-hour period or part thereof that the item is late. If loans are not returned on a Friday, a fine will be incurred across the weekend, resulting in a £15 fine for Friday/Saturday/Sunday for a loan of one item in addition to any other fines incurred prior to- or after the weekend.

Overdue peripheral items including but not limited to cables, cases and manuals that are not returned with loaned equipment will be charged at the cost of replacement valued at a 'new' for 'old' equivalence.

Within 24-hours of incurring a fine, people with overdue equipment will receive an automated email notification. If the overdue loan is not returned within 3-days of the return date a second notice email will be sent out to further prompt the borrower. If no contact has been made and the equipment has not been returned within a week of the return date, a third and final notice email will be sent to give the borrower 24-hours to return the equipment. If after this period the borrower has still failed to return the loaned items, the Resource Store are obligated to inform RCA security and the Police that the equipment has been stolen. The borrower will then be billed for the cost of replacement for the entire sum of the items on loan on a 'new' for 'old' equivalence.

Repeat offenders will be called to a meeting with a member of the Resource Store team, Head of Technical Services and the borrowers Head of Programme to discuss further disciplinary measures.

In the case of mitigating circumstances there is an appeals process for fines, but some evidence of particular circumstances will need to be presented.

Final year students must clear debts by the end date of their course, and any students with unreturned or unpaid fines and charges by the date of their Convocation will be reported to the Registry. Continuing students must clear any debts before registration for the new academic year.

### **Definitions**

#### Item

Any 'unit', 'package' or 'set' or items and equipment owned by RCA, that is tagged and designated by RCA as available for loan to RCA students and staff.

#### Borrower or Hirer

Any student of RCA currently engaged on a recognised programme of study, or any member of staff with a permanent contract.

#### Lender

Authorised Media and Resource Store team member/s who lend equipment designated for loan on behalf of the RCA.

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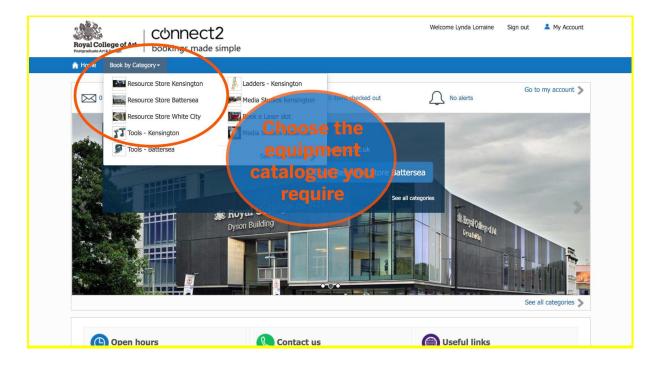
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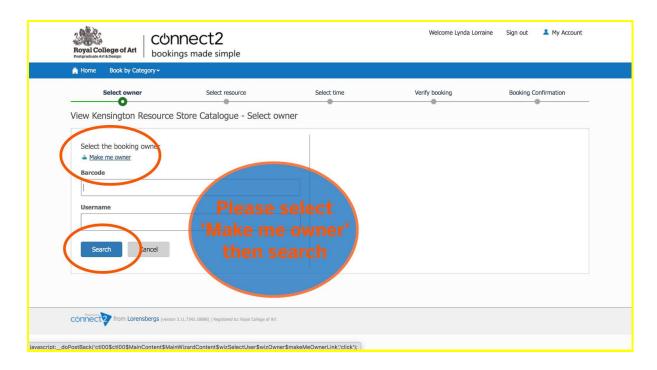
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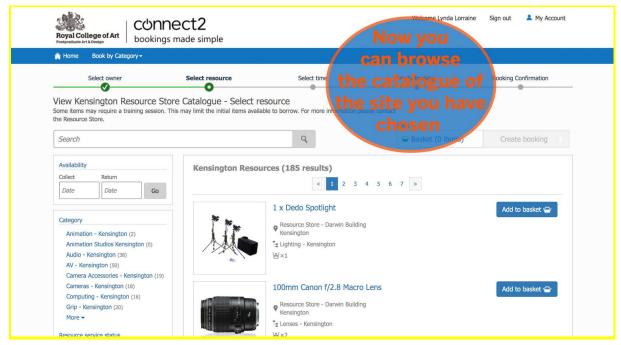
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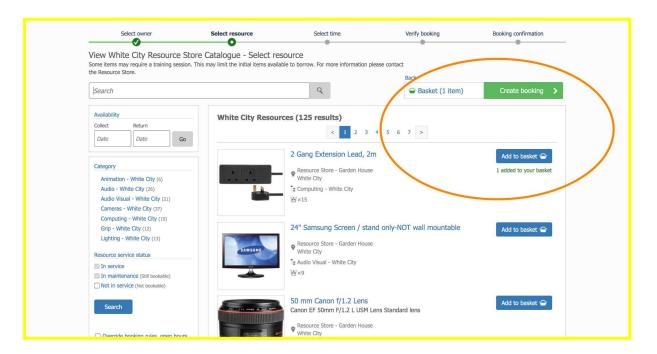


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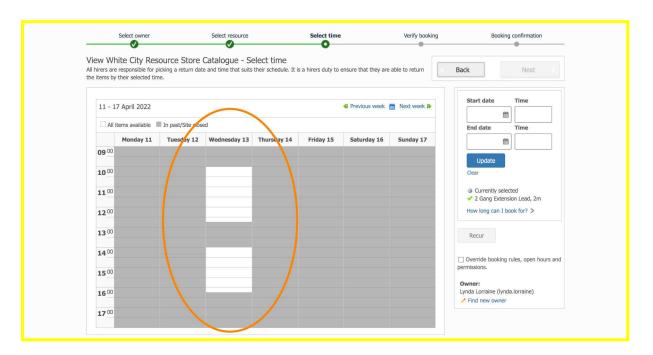
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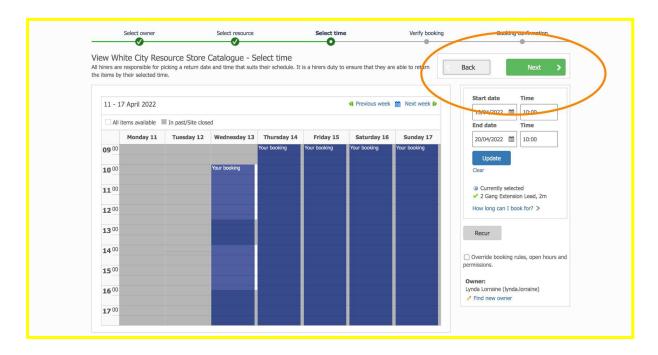
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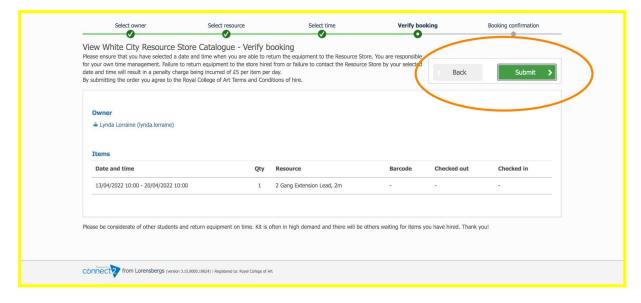
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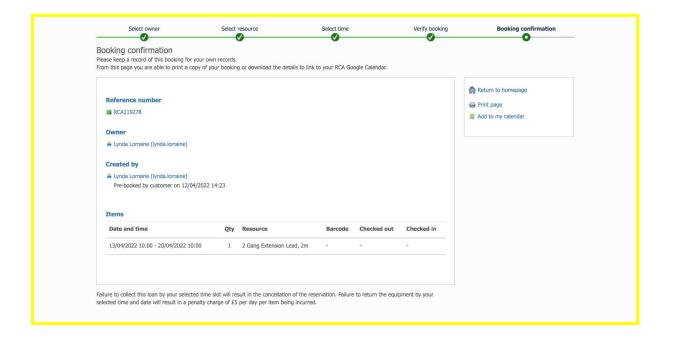
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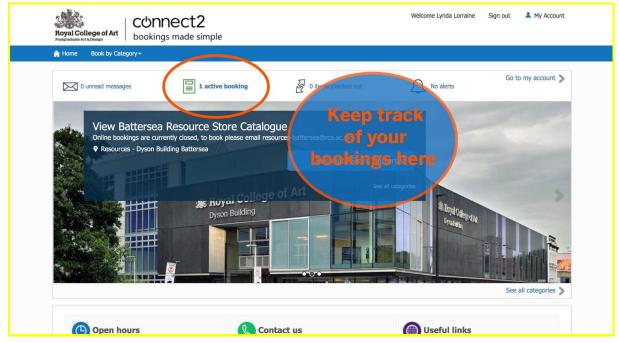
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## Fine Payment

### **Penalty Circumstances**

- Items returned after the due date (fine for overdue period)
- Lost items (replacement costs)
- Damaged items (repair or replacement costs)

Once you have a penalty you will be unable to book or borrow any further equipment on <a href="https://resources.rca.ac.uk/Connect2/">https://resources.rca.ac.uk/Connect2/</a> until it is cleared. Even if you already have bookings in place.

Fines will continue to accrue until your payment has been made, and the Resource Store team has cleared your account.

Your Moodle access will remain unaffected.

How much is my fine?

If you are unsure how much your fine is, please contact a member of the Resource Store team via email.

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#### Paying a Fine

To pay the fine, please visit <a href="http://payments.rca.ac.uk/">http://payments.rca.ac.uk/</a>

Select 'Internal Payment' > Click 'Submit'

Select 'Resource Loan Store' > Click 'Submit'

Select The correct campus: 'Battersea', 'Kensington' or 'White City' > Enter your name

Enter the payment description as 'late fine' or similar > Enter the fine amount

Then follow the payment instructions

After you have paid, you will receive an email from WorldPay confirming your transaction.

Please forward this email receipt to the relevant resource store.

Once the Resource Store have received the receipt for your fine payment from the WorldPay system, your debt will be cleared and your Connect2 account has been reinstated.

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## **Equipment Support**

#### Guidance

The resource store team can provide basic advice with loan equipment.

As well as having general knowledge of the equipment, each Resource Store team member has their area of expertise. In addition to their own areas of expertise, they can refer you to other sources of information and technicians within Technical Services should you require more advanced guidance in other areas.

It is usually advised that for more in-depth consultations (especially if you are planning a project or need help with post-production), we suggest you book an appointment with a technician from the relevant department on Moodle.

Manuals, Video and Text Guides

**Instruction Manuals** 

https://moodle.rca.ac.uk/mod/book/view.php?id=39848

Video/Text Guides

https://moodle.rca.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=39843

# Mitigating Circumstances

## **Policy**

A mitigating circumstance is defined at the RCA as a serious or significant event, and its consequences, which have significantly impeded the ability for a borrower to comply with the Resource Store Terms and Conditions. Mitigating circumstances may include medical matters or events directly affecting someone other than the borrower.

Princi	ples
When	the Fines Appeal Board look at any claim it will act on the following principles:
	You are responsible for informing the Board of any circumstance that you want to be taken count; the submission of a Mitigating Circumstances Form must be no later than 7-days after ue of a fine. All claims must be sent to: <a href="mailto:resources-fines@rca.ac.uk">resources-fines@rca.ac.uk</a>
accomp	If you submit a Mitigating Circumstances Form after the 7-day cut-off-point it must be panied by an explanation of its lateness, otherwise the claim will be rejected.
	Appropriate supporting evidence must be submitted with the completed Mitigating istances Form. Without any supporting evidence to validate your claim of mitigating stances, the claim will normally be rejected.
	All information provided to the Fines Appeal Board will be regarded as confidential.
the bor	The Board agree to formally and carefully consider all claims made, however not all claims accepted. Some circumstances are clearly beyond the borrowers control, but some are not. If trower could reasonably have foreseen the circumstance, the claim is unlikely to be accepted. If mstance arises that does not cause significant restrictions to the borrowers ability to contact the rce Store, the claim is unlikely to be accepted.
Exam	ples
	is a list of typical circumstances that would be accepted, might be accepted and would not ly be accepted.
Examp	bles of circumstances that would normally be accepted with evidence:
	Bereavement involving a relative or friend to whom you were close Serious illness or accident resulting in your hospitalisation, or other medical emergency Serious infectious disease Childbirth, or pregnancy complications leading to your hospitalisation
Examp	oles of circumstances that might be accepted with evidence:
	Victim of crime (with Police Crime Reference Number) Significant accident, injury, acute ailment or condition requiring medical or other professional attention
	Private or public transport failure leading to delays of more than one hour
Examp	bles that would not normally be accepted as mitigating circumstances:
	Illness in the family (unless it is a dependant)
health	Feeling generally anxious, depressed or stressed (where this is not a diagnosis of a mental condition)

	Clash of study with paid employment
	Minor accidents or injuries
	Minor conditions (e.g. cold, cough, throat infection)
	Childcare problems that could have been anticipated
	Pregnancy
	Day-to-day domestic problems
☐ but not	Mistaking or misreading return time and date, or other time management problems (including limited to alarm not going off)
	Religious festivals or similar commitments
	Private or public transport failure leading to delays of less than 1 hour
	General financial problems
	Legal problems that could have been anticipated (including planned Court appearances)
	Planned absence
	Accommodation changes
	Handing-in problems, including failure by a third party to submit work on your behalf
	Weather (unless severe conditions)
	Ignorance of the Terms and Conditions and loan arrangements
□ signal,	Equipment problems (including but not limited to: no internet connection, no mobile phone no phone battery)
Form	
a fine i	ete the form below and email a copy to <a href="mailto:resources-fines@rca.ac.uk">resources-fines@rca.ac.uk</a> within 7-days of the issue of fillness or other circumstance beyond your control have caused you to incur a fine with any of A Resource Stores.
	gating circumstance claims must be verified by original documentary evidence (e.g. medical ates, crime reference number etc.) and must be signed and dated.
	rmation submitted as a mitigating circumstance claim is considered confidential and will only be available to the Fines Appeal Board.
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ROOKIN	g reference number (begins with 'RCA')
	provide further details of your circumstance, including the dates during which you were d and the impact this had on your resource loan.

You are reminded that claims cannot be accepted without original documentary evidence, and that it is advisable to keep a copy of all information submitted.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Do you rent out drones or computing equipment?

No, we don't. In the UK legislation for personal drone usage is quite strict and is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority. We also don't loan out computing equipment - if you require any technical support for personal computing equipment you're using for college work please get in touch with IT support via <a href="mailto:help@rca.ac.uk">help@rca.ac.uk</a>

Can we request equipment to be purchased for the resource stores?

If there is a type of equipment you feel would be of benefit for the RCA to add to its loan stock, the best way is to submit the request to Technical Services via your Head of Programme. We're not able to purchase equipment just for individual projects.

I've been fined and I don't think I should pay it. How can I appeal a fine?

If you believe you have been fined in error, the first thing to do should be to contact the relevant resource store. We can investigate the details of the fine. If we believe the fine should remain and you would like to appeal, you will need submit a 'Mitigating Circumstances Appeal' and supply evidence as to why you should be exempt from paying the fine. Full details are contained in the previous chapter.

Can we borrow equipment during holidays?

Yes, as long as you haven't already graduated (exeptions for remarking etc.) If the resource store needs to close due to staff holidays or scheduled maintenance, equipment booking slots will still be made available. The bookings will automatically be extended over the period of closure to when the resource store is open again. Any upcoming changes to opening hours will always be advertised on our Intranet page and the home page of Connect2.

https://intranet.rca.ac.uk/av-equipment-hire-resource-store/

https://resources.rca.ac.uk/Connect2/

Do you sell film for analogue cameras?

No, we don't. Any RCA staff member or student is eligible for a 10% discount at <a href="https://parallaxphotographic.coop/">https://parallaxphotographic.coop/</a> - just email them an image of your student card including your ID number and they can provide you with an individual discount code.

**External Resources** 

External Suppliers & Resources

https://intranet.rca.ac.uk/external-suppliers-resources/

External Suppliers, Materials & Services

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kP9VN6pc\_o49Zm4Jft86\_C909t7sbqUrALt4Tld94CU/edit#gid=0

More External Resources

https://moodle.rca.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=39847&inpopup=1