

‘Managed Recording’ – web note

In view of recent progress toward implementation of CSS (Content Scramble System) Managed Recording, the DVD CCA wishes to provide a further update on this program to licensees and other interested parties.

On January 31, the DVD Forum Steering Committee approved a new DVD-R specification for CSS Managed Recording (see DVD Forum at www.dvdforum.org). Following this action, procedural specification changes to enable ‘managed recording’ of CSS-protected content will soon be available to CSS licensees for implementation.

Though additional work is required before an effective date may be set, it should be noted that companies that choose to use **pre-keyed media** – blank media with the encryption key already embedded – for CSS Managed Recording are not expected to need to have their own CSS license. However, the equipment they use will need to be manufactured using CSS specifications by a company with a CSS license.

Alternatively, companies that choose to use **secure disc key writable media** – with the encryption key for CSS being transferred at the same time content is being recorded onto a disc – will need to follow one of the processes below depending on their status as a CSS licensee:

CSS licensees:

Must apply to add the ‘Replicator’ functional category to their CSS license if they are not already licensed in this category.

Non-licensees:

Must obtain a CSS license including the ‘Replicator’ functional category. Please note: to get a CSS license, applicants must first have a DVD Format license, including a DVD Format book number, from DVD Format/Logo Licensing Corporation (DVD FLLC)

Full instructions for obtaining a CSS license can be found at www.DVDCCA.org.