

# ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES AND CONTESTS

## EXPLORING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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# INTRODUCTION

While exploring online print services, I became extremely alarmed at the terms and conditions imposed by some of today's popular online services and contests. I began to research not the entrance requirements, products, prices or features of online contests and services but their Terms & Conditions. What follows is a list of links to the text of the Terms & Conditions sections of many websites. The pages are gathered here to serve as examples of what you will find online and to serve as a reminder that you should always read the Terms & Conditions before checking that little box saying you agree to anyone's Terms & Conditions. There can be major repercussions when you sign these agreements.

Terms & Conditions documents are usually complex and they become increasingly long and detailed with the number of services offered by the vendor. Read carefully. A single document section detailing rights you assign or those granted to you governing use of a photo sharing service may not define the total set of rights in question. You may need to follow multiple links to understand a full agreement. Read everything.

### POST MEETING AVAILABILITY

The text of the individual Terms & Conditions agreements was copied directly from the identified websites. It is not appropriate for posting to the Club's web pages. This document contains links to the Terms & Conditions but not the complete text shown at our meeting. If you would like a copy of the original document, I'll be happy to send it to you or put it on a CD for you for the next meeting. Just send me an email at [techdir@digitalphotoclub.net](mailto:techdir@digitalphotoclub.net).

### WHAT THIS DOCUMENT ISN'T

- **A Definitive List of Service Providers** – The list of companies included here in no way comes close to representing all the companies providing online services today.
- **An Endorsement or Condemnation of Service Providers** – Each of us must decide for ourselves whether the convenience and cost savings provided is worth the conditions placed on our artistic right in our photographs and artwork.
- **An Archival Reference** – Given the rate of change in our lives today, it is unrealistic to believe that this document represents the current state of Terms & Conditions for any of the companies listed here. Things change – QUICKLY. Protect yourself, read the online Terms & Conditions every time you purchase online services.
- **A Comparison or Rating of Companies** – This document is simply a list showing the Terms & Conditions of several online vendors. Each company represented is marked clearly and a URL to the page from which their text was copied is provided. The Terms & Conditions are the property of each company it is unacceptable to use them for commercial purposes.

## About "Moral Rights"

### DISCLAIMER

The author of this document is in no way a legal expert and does not seek to provide legal advice of any kind. It is the reader's responsibility to consider the Terms & Conditions of each company in its original form at each company's website. URL's are provided for the readers' convenience. Should the URL's become non-functioning, search the web for the company and service and look for the page titled "Terms & Conditions".

## ABOUT "MORAL RIGHTS"

<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/property/library/moralprimer.html>

Answers the question: What are moral rights?

## ONLINE PRINT & PRODUCT SERVICES – TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Terms & Conditions listed appear in alphabetical order by their company.

### ADORAMAPIX

URL

<http://www.adoramapix.com/Support.aspx?SupportID=policyprivacy>

### KODAK GALLERY

URL

<http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/footerLinksContent.jsp?pageID=600010#copyright>

### Moo

URL

<http://us.moo.com/en/about/about.php?page=terms-conditions>

### PHOTODIRECT

URL

[http://www.photodirect.com/terms\\_conditions.php](http://www.photodirect.com/terms_conditions.php)

### PHOTOWORKS – AMERICAN GREETINGS

URL

<http://www1.photoworks.com/about/terms-of-use?ic=pw36216>

RITZPIX

URL

<http://www.ritzpix.com/net/content.aspx?id=TermsAndConditions>

SAM'S CLUB

URL

<http://samsclubus.pnimedia.com/disclaimers/terms.aspx>

SNAPFISH

URL

<http://www.snapfish.com/termsAndConditions>

SHUTTERFLY

URL

<http://www.shutterfly.com/help/terms.jsp>

WALGREENS

URL

<http://www.walgreens.com/topic/help/generalhelp/termsfuse.jsp?foot=terms>

WALMART

URL

<http://photos.walmart.com/termsfuse>

YORKPHOTO

URL

<http://www.yorkphoto.com/popuptermsnconditionspopup>

ZAZZLE

URL

[http://www.zazzle.com/mk/policy/user\\_agreement](http://www.zazzle.com/mk/policy/user_agreement)

## ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS – TERMS & CONDITIONS

### FUJI FILM – PICTURE PERFECT HALLOWEEN CONTEST

URL

[http://www.halloweenphotocontest.com/contest\\_prizes/index.taf?\\_function=terms](http://www.halloweenphotocontest.com/contest_prizes/index.taf?_function=terms)

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC – INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

URL

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/photo-contest/rules>

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC – YOUR SHOT

URL

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/your-shot/rules>  
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/community/terms.html>

### ONIAN 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

URL

<http://photocontest.smithsonianmag.com/rules.php>

## ADDITIONAL WEBSITES FOR CONSIDERATION

### ONLINE DIGITAL PHOTO PRINTING AND SHARING

Compares services for enthusiasts and pros

[http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-6451\\_7-6245099-1.html](http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-6451_7-6245099-1.html)

### TOPTEN REVIEWS

Head to head comparison of 14 printing services. Unfortunately, there is no comparison of their Terms & Conditions.

<http://digital-photo-printing-review.toptenreviews.com/>

### BESTWEBBUYS

Compares 27 online printing services

[http://www.bestwebbuys.com/photo\\_print\\_service\\_comparison.html](http://www.bestwebbuys.com/photo_print_service_comparison.html)

### CONSUMERSEARCH

Another review. Informative.

<http://www.consumersearch.com/digital-photo-printing/review>

### THE PHOTO ATTORNEY

A blog serving the needs of the photographic community. One of my new favorites.

<http://www.photoattorney.com/>

Don't like the Sam's Club Terms & Conditions? You won't like this one either.

<http://www.photoattorney.com/?p=339>