

## **CORE instruments move to Attribution-NoDerivatives licence**

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CST has in addition, over the years also licensed the reproduction of CORE instruments in software to a number of researchers and CIMS has sub-licensed the reproduction of CORE instruments in software to a number of organisations.

### **New licensing arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

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for the licence itself). We hope this will make it even easier for people to use the instruments.

### **Limitations on changes to the instruments**

Under the terms of this licence the instruments may not be changed in any way and then redistributed. The object of this limitation is to ensure that scores will remain comparable. It would be a breach of the licence to change the order of the items or to cut any items or add any new items or text but the inevitable small differences in how different software displays the text is not a copyright violation.

### **Limitations on translations**

Where a translation of an instrument has not already been done to our requirements an independent translation *is* a copyright violation as it changes the instrument. We are, as we always have been, keen to work with anyone wanting to translate the instruments but this must be done in collaboration with CST and to our quality standards for translations.

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Statement from CST and CIMS 1st January 2015. For more information see [www.coresystemtrust.org.uk](http://www.coresystemtrust.org.uk)