

authorize**au·thor·ize** (BrE also *-ise*) [**authorize authorizes authorized authorizing**] *BrE*['ɔːθərəɪz] *NAmE* ['ɔːθəraɪz] *verb often passive*

to give official permission for sth, or for sb to do sth

- ~ **sth** I can authorize payments up to £5 000.
- an authorized biography
- ~ **sb to do sth** I have authorized him to act for me while I am away.
- The soldiers were authorized to shoot at will.

see also ↑unauthorized**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	authorize
	BrE / 'ɔːθəraɪz/
	NAmE / 'ɔːθəraɪz/
he / she / it	authorizes
	BrE / 'ɔːθəraɪzɪz/
	NAmE / 'ɔːθəraɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	authorized
	BrE / 'ɔːθəraɪzɪd/
	NAmE / 'ɔːθəraɪzɪd/
-ing form	authorizing
	BrE / 'ɔːθəraɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'ɔːθəraɪzɪŋ/

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French *autoriser*, from medieval Latin *auctorizare*, from *auctor*, from *augere* 'increase, originate, promote'.**Example Bank:**

- The manager had expressly authorized the goods to be removed
- Access is controlled so that only authorized people can use it.
- She tried to break into a security file for which she was not authorized.
- Taxes must be authorized by an Act of Parliament.
- The Queen authorized her press secretary to demand an apology.
- The police were authorized to record his phone conversations.

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au·thor·ize *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ (also **authorise** *British English*) /'ɔːθərəɪz/ *verb [transitive]*[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑authority, ↑authorization, ↑authoritarian, ↑authoritarianism; **adjective:** ↑authoritarian, ↑authoritative,authorized ≠ ↑unauthorized; **verb:** ↑authorize; **adverb:** ↑authoritatively]

to give official permission for something:

an authorized biography

authorize somebody to do something

Napoleon III authorized Haussmann to rebuild Paris.

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- **allow** to say that someone can do something – used about parents, teachers, or people in authority: They don't allow students to chew gum in the classroom. | I'm not allowed to stay out after ten o'clock.
- **let [not in passive]** to allow someone to do something. **Let** is not used in the passive, and is much more commonly used in everyday English than **allow**: Will your Mum let you come to the party? | I'll borrow John's bicycle, if he'll let me.
- **permit formal** if something is permitted, it is allowed according to the rules - used especially on written notices and announcements: Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building.
- **give somebody permission** used when someone in an important official position decides to allow someone to do something: He was given special permission to leave school early. | The Home Office has given him permission to stay in Britain indefinitely.
- **give your consent** to say that you will allow someone to do something that will affect you personally, or a member of your family, when you have a legal right to say 'no': Her parents have given their consent to the marriage. | You can't build on someone's land without the owner's consent.
- **give something the go-ahead** to officially allow a planned project or activity to happen: The government finally gave the go-ahead for a new terminal at Heathrow airport. | A new nuclear plant has been given the go-ahead.
- **authorize** to officially or legally allow someone to do something - used about laws or people: The UN resolution would authorize the use of force. | I never authorized them to give information about me to other banks.
- **entitle** to give someone the right to do or have something: The pass entitles you to travel on any bus, at any time, in Norwich. | If the goods are faulty, the customer is entitled to a refund.
- **sanction formal** to give official approval and support for something: The Truman administration refused to sanction a military attack. | The advertisements were sanctioned by the candidate himself.

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