

# PHOTOSHOP FILE TYPES



## PSD

When first importing an image into Photoshop it should be re-saved as a Photoshop PSD file. This is the most compatible file type to use with Photoshop and it will support all types of layers.

- **Advantages** Most compatible with Photoshop. Supports all types of layers
- **Disadvantages** File sizes will be large. Not all programmes can open it



## TIF

After working on an image as a PSD file, a copy can be saved as a TIF. TIF files are high quality lossless files which will support some layer types. These are generally used when high quality files are required e.g. for printing or publication. They can be opened in most programmes.

- **Advantages** A high quality file type. Most programmes can open them
- **Disadvantages** Files will be large. Will not support all layer types



## JPEG

A file type that will compress the data in the file to reduce its size. The amount of compression can be selected depending on the intended use. A JPEG file should only be used for files for use on the web or to make them smaller to e-mail. If a JPEG is re-saved a further loss of data and therefore quality will be lost.

- **Advantages** Compresses the file and reduces its size
- **Disadvantages** Some quality will be lost especially if the file is re-saved