Copyright Office Fees

For detailed information on fees charged by the Copyright Office for services it provides, see Circular 4, Copyright Office Fees.

Copyright Office fees are subject to change. For current fees, visit the Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov, write the Copyright Office, or call (202) 707-3000 or 1-877-476-0778 (toll free).

For Further Information

BY INTERNET  ·  Online registration, circulars, announcements, regulations, all paper application forms, and other materials are available on the Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov.

BY TELEPHONE  ·  For general information about copyright, call the Copyright Public Information Office at (202) 707-3000 or 1-877-476-0778 (toll free). Staff members are on duty from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, eastern time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day. If you want to request paper application forms or circulars, call (202) 707-9100 or 1-877-476-0778 and leave a recorded message.

BY REGULAR MAIL  ·  Write to
Library of Congress
Copyright Office
101 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20559
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-- Fees in effect as of May 1, 2014
-- For Licensing Division fees, request SL-4L
-- All forms available at www.copyright.gov

Basic Registrations
Each registration must include properly completed application form, nonrefundable filing fee, and nonreturnable deposit.

Registrations online
$35 Single Application (single author, same claimant, one work, not for hire)
$55 Standard Application (all other filings)

Registrations on paper
$85 Paper filing on Form TX, Form VA, Form PA, Form SE, and Form SR

Renewal Registrations
For works published or registered before January 1, 1978
$100 Form RE
$100 Addendum to Form RE (in addition to fee for claim)

Group Registrations
To register a group of related claims, where appropriate
$25 Form SE/Group (serials) (per issue, with minimum 2 issues)
$80 Form G/DN (daily newspapers and qualified newsletters)
$65 Form GR/PPh/CON (published photographs) (up to 750 published photographs can be identified on Form GR/PPh/CON with a single filing fee)
$85 Group of automated database updates (paper application only)
$55 Online registration of groups of published photographs (pilot program, see sl-39)
$85 Form GR/CP (contributions to periodicals)

Supplementary Registrations
$130 Form CA (to correct or amplify a completed registration)
$100 Form DC (to correct a design registration)

Preregistration
$140 Preregistration of certain unpublished works

Other Registrations
$400 Form D-VH (vessel hull designs)
$85 Form GATT
$120 Form MW (mask works)

Optional Services Related to Registration

Special Handling
To expedite registration processing of qualified claims
$800 Special handling fee (per claim)
$50 Additional fee for each (non-special-handling) claim using the same deposit

Other fees associated with registration
$540 Full-term retention of published copyright deposit
$250 Secure test processing (per staff member per hour)
$50 Handling extra copy for certification

Requests for Reconsideration (Appeals)
For claims previously refused registration
$250 First request (per claim)
$500 Second request (per claim)

Other Copyright Service Fees

Recordation of Documents
To make public record of assignment of rights or other document relating to disposition of copyrighted work
$105 Recordation of document, including notice of intention to enforce (containing no more than 1 title)
$35 Additional titles (per group of 10 or fewer titles)
$7 Correction of online public catalog data due to erroneous electronic title submission (per title)
$105 Additional transfer (each)
$550 Special handling of recordation of documents

Searches of Records
For searching copyright records and preparing official report
$200 Estimate of search fee (credited to search fee)
$200 Search report (per hour, 2 hour minimum)
$300 Expedited report (surcharge per hour for first two hours plus $200 per hour base fee)
$500 Each additional hour in addition to the charge for the first two hours (three-hour search is $200 + $200 + $300 + $300 + $500)
$200 Certification of search report (per hour)

Retrievals and Copies of Records
Retrieval of in-process or completed Copyright Office records
$200 Retrieval of paper records (per hour, 1 hour minimum)
$200 Retrieval of digital records (per hour, half hour minimum, quarter-hour increments)
$40 Additional certificate of registration
$200 Certification of records, including search reports (per hour)
$305 Surcharge for expedited retrievals, certification, and copying ($/h)

Copying of Copyright Office records by staff
$0.50 Photocopy (black & white, 8½ x 11) (per page, minimum: $12)
$1 Photocopy (black & white, 11 x 17) (per page, minimum: $12)
$2 Photocopy (color, 8 ½ x 11) (per page, minimum: $12)
$4 Photocopy (color, 11 x 17) (per page, minimum: $12)
$75 Audiocassette (first 30 minutes)
$20 Additional 15-minute increments
$75 Videocassette (first 30 minutes)
$20 Additional 15-minute increments
$30 CD or DVD
$30 Flash drive

Variable Unsupported formats and other copying of materials by outside providers, at cost of provider

Miscellaneous Fees
$30 Receipt for deposit without registration (section 407 deposit)
$6 Designation of agent under section 512(c)(2) to receive notification of claimed infringement or amendment or resubmission of agent
$35 Alternative names, including websites (per group of 10 or fewer)
$50 Notice to libraries and archives (each additional title $20)
$45 Service charge for Federal Express mailing
$1 Service charge for delivery of documents via fax (per page, seven pages maximum)

Payment Processing Service Charges
$250 Overdraft of deposit account
$100 Dishonored replenishment check for deposit account
$30 Uncollectible or nonnegotiable check

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