



Proposed Fee Increase

TO TAKE EFFECT AUGUST 1, 2009

The U.S. Copyright Office plans to increase most fees effective August 1, 2009. The fees affected include those for basic registration, document recordation, and searches and certification of records. Any request received in the U.S. Copyright Office on or after August 1, 2009, for a service whose fee is scheduled to increase on that date must be accompanied by the new fee. See pages 2 and 3 of this announcement for a list of Copyright Office fees.

The Technical Amendments Act of 1997 authorized the Register of Copyrights to increase fees based on a study of the cost of providing services to the public. For the current fee adjustments, the Register submitted a cost study to Congress on March 15, 2009. Because most costs have gone up, most fees have been scheduled to rise. However, efficiencies resulting from increased automation of Copyright Office services permitted some fees to remain the same or even decrease. Adoption of the proposed new fees will allow the Office to recover a significant part of the costs to the Office of registering claims and providing other copyright-related services to the public.

For Further Information

BY INTERNET • Visit the Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov/docs/fees.html.

BY TELEPHONE • Call the Copyright Office Public Information Office at (202) 707-3000. Copyright Office staff members are on duty from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, eastern time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

BY REGULAR MAIL • Write to—
Library of Congress
Copyright Office-COPUBS
Publications Section
101 Independence Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20559-6304

Proposed Copyright Office Fees Effective as of August 1, 2009

REGISTRATION	CURRENT	PROPOSED
1 Registration of basic claim in original work of authorship:		
a electronic Copyright Office (eCO) (online filing)	\$35	\$35
b Form CO (fill-in form, available on website)	45	50
c Form TX, Form VA, Form PA, Form SE, and Form SR (paper forms, available only by regular mail)	45	65
2 Registration of renewal claim (paper forms, available on website):		
a Form RE	75	115
b Form RE Addendum	220	220
3 Group registrations (paper forms, available on website):		
a Form SE/Group (serials) (per issue, minimum 2 issues)	25	25
b Form G/DN (daily newspapers and newsletters)	70	80
c Form GR/PPh/CON (published photographs, up to 750 can be identified on Form GR/PPh/CON with single filing fee)	45	65
d Form GR/CP (contributions to periodicals)	45	65
e Database updates	45	65
4 Other applications (paper forms, available on website):		
a Form CA (to correct or amplify a completed registration)	115	100
b Form D-VH (vessel hull designs)	200	220
c Form DC (to correct a design registration)	115	115
d Form MW (mask works)	95	105
e Form GATT (claim to restored copyright)	45	65
5 Preregistration:		
a Form PRE (online only)	100	115
 OTHER COPYRIGHT SERVICE FEES	 CURRENT	 PROPOSED
1 Recordation of Documents:		
a Recordation of document, including transfer of copyright and notice of termination (no more than 1 title)	\$95	\$105
b Additional titles (per group of 10 or fewer titles)	25	30
c Additional transfers (each)	95	105
d Special handling of recordation of documents	435	480
2 Searches of Records:		
a Estimate of search fee	100	115
b Locating or retrieving records, including preparation of report from official records (\$/hr., 2 hr. minimum)	150	165
c Expedited reports (\$/hr., 2 hr. minimum)	400	445
3 Copies of Records:		
a Locating or retrieving records (\$/hr.)	150	165
b Additional certificate of registration	40	35
c Certification of records (\$/hr.)	150	165
d Surcharge for expedited services listed above or for certification of search report (\$/hr.)	240	265
4 Miscellaneous Fees:		
a Receipt for deposit without registration (section 407 deposit)	20	30
b Online service provider designation (recordation of an interim designation of agent to receive notification of claimed infringement under section 512(c)(2))	80	105
– Additional alternative names (per group of 10)	NA	30
c Notice to libraries and archives (each additional title \$20)	50	50
 OPTIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO REGISTRATION	 CURRENT	 PROPOSED
1 Fee to expedite processing of qualified claims:		
a Special handling fee (per claim)	\$685	\$760
b Additional fee for each (non-special-handling) claim using same deposit	50	50
2 Other fees associated with registration:		
a Full-term retention of published copyright deposit	425	470
b Secure test processing (\$/hr.)	150	165
c Handling extra copy for certification	45	45

OPTIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO REGISTRATION CONTINUED		CURRENT	PROPOSED
3	Requests for reconsideration of previously refused registration:		
a	First request	\$250	\$250
b	Additional claim in related group (each)	25	25
c	Second request	500	500
d	Additional claim in related group (each)	25	25
PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICE CHARGES		CURRENT	PROPOSED
1	Deposit Accounts:		
a	Overdraft	\$150	\$165
b	Dishonored replenishment check	75	85
2	Checks:		
a	Uncollectible or nonnegotiable check	NA	25
DUPLICATION AND DELIVERY SERVICES		CURRENT	PROPOSED
1	Photocopying by staff:		
a	Black and white, 8 1/2" by 11" (per page, minimum \$12)	\$0.50	\$0.50
b	Black and white, 11" by 17" (per page, minimum \$12)	NA	1
c	Color, 8 1/2" by 11" (per page, minimum \$12)	1.50	2
d	Color, 11" by 17" (per page, minimum \$12)	NA	4
2	Photographs		
a	Polaroid	15	15
b	Digital	45	45
c	Slide	3	3
3	Audiocassettes		
a	First 30 minutes	75	75
b	Additional 15-minute increments	20	20
4	Videocassettes		
a	First 30 minutes	75	75
b	Additional 15-minute increments	25	25
5	CD or DVD	50	100
6	Zip or floppy disk	100	100
7	Fed Ex Service	35	40
8	Delivery of documents by facsimile	1	1
LICENSING DIVISION SERVICES		CURRENT	PROPOSED
1	Recordation of notice of intent to obtain a compulsory (section 115) license to make and distribute phonorecords (per title)	\$12	\$60
a	Additional titles (per group of 10)	NA	20
2	Filing fee for recordation of a licensing agreement (section 118)	125	140
3	Recordation of certain contracts by cable television systems located outside the 48 contiguous states	50	50
4	Notice of digital transmission of sound recording (sections 112 and 114)	20	25
a	Amended notice of digital transmission of sound recording (sections 112 and 114)	20	25
5	Statement of account amendment for cable television and satellite carriers (sections 111 and 119) and digital audio recording devices or media (section 1003)	95	100
6	Photocopy by staff (black and white, per page, minimum \$12)	0.50	0.50
7	Search report (\$/hr.)	150	165
8	Certification of search report (\$/hr.)	150	165

