

German Public Lending Right Scheme Factsheet for applicants

Artists and estates can now apply for German 'Public Lending Right' (PLR) royalties if their work has been published in Germany, thanks to the partnership between DACS and the German collecting society, VG Bild-Kunst.

To be eligible, your work must have featured in a book published by a German publisher. You can apply for all types of published artistic works including photography, illustration, caricature, cartoon images, logos, infographics, title design and graphic design.

If you are interested in applying for royalties from German Websites or German Exhibitions Schemes, please read the factsheet relating to these schemes available via bit.ly/GermanRoyalties

How to apply

To apply, simply complete our paper German PLR Claim Form available at bit.ly/GermanRoyalties and email it to payback@dacs.org.uk by 14 June 2019.

You will need to provide the following information on your form:

- The book title, author, publisher, year of publication and ISBN.
- Your total number of photographic works included in each book - differentiating between the number of works inside the book from the number of works on the front cover.
- Your total number of illustrative/other visual works included in each book - differentiating between the number of works inside the book from the number of works on the front cover.
- Whether you have designed the overall graphic design and/or the title design.

The books you are applying for must have a print run of at least 250 copies.

You can apply for a maximum number of 200 artistic works per book.

Frequently Asked Questions

What type of books can I apply for?

You can apply for works in the following types of book. You will need to specify the book type on your form:

- Book type 1: Children's and youth literature
- Book type 2: Non-fiction and specialist book
- Book type 3: Illustrated books, art books, fiction, other books
- Book type 4: School book
- Book type 5: Scientific work

You can apply for German-language publications, and for uses of scientific works for English-language publications. Publications authored in German and another language or multiple other languages also count as German-language publications.

The important thing is that book has been published by a German publisher.

Please note, if you have authored and illustrated a publication which is classified as one of the following book types: scientific works, non-fiction and specialist books, then you will not be able to apply for royalties under this scheme. A separate application will need to be made to VG Wort in Germany. Please get in touch with us for more information.

What types of books can't I claim for?

Advent calendars	Desk calendars	Photo albums	Tear-off calendar
Apps	Diaries/pocket calendars	Picture & flash cards	Trading cards
Blank books	E-books	Playing cards	Voucher booklets
Booklets	Flyers	Postage Stamps	Wrapping paper
Brochures	Folders	Postcards and invitations	Leaflets
Games	Posters	Colouring books	Card games
Programme booklets	Copy templates	Maps	Restaurant menus
Cut-out sheets	Music books	Stickers	

Where can I find the ISBN?

An ISBN per book is required to process your claim. An ISBN, or an International Standard Book Number, is a 13-digit code to identify a publication. You can find the ISBN of a book on the back cover of paperbacks, or on the inside of the fly jacket of a hardback, usually above the barcode.

We may also request proof of the print run which must be at least 250 copies.

What is the book doesn't have an ISBN?

If the book doesn't have an ISBN and you believe it is eligible, please get in touch with us on

What about books printed on demand?

You can only apply for books that have been printed on demand, if at least 200 copies have been sold. Please enclose proof with your claim, e.g. the invoice of a print-on-demand provider.

Verifying your claim

Please note that VG Bild-Kunst checks the reports on a random basis. In such cases, you may be required to provide appropriate evidence to support your application.

Contact us

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