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splits for permanent downloads under Joint Online
Distribution**



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Joint Online Distribution - General Questions

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● [How is revenue split between the two Societies](#)

MCPS and PRS Boards have agreed that income from Joint Online Licences should be split as follows:

- Download services - 75% to MCPS and 25% to PRS
- On demand streaming services - 50% to each society
- Internet radio and webcasts - 25% to MCPS and 75% to PRS

In the case of licensees providing more than one type of service, if the revenue cannot be separately identified, the 50/50 split applies.

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Joint Online licensees are required to provide a quarterly report of all usage, in a standard electronic format, showing the number of times each track has been streamed or downloaded.

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Distribution is based on all tracks reported under licences worth £20,000 a year or more that can be matched to registered works on the MCPS-PRS database. Currently this includes AOL, iTunes, Napster, OD2, Real, Sony and Yahoo. All usage reported from those suppliers is run against Alliance database using automatic matching software. Tracks that fail to match are then researched by Alliance staff in order of value (i.e. highest number of uses first). Because of the relatively low level of revenue at stake, and the very high volumes of data involved, it is currently necessary to limit the resource spent on this 'manual' matching. This means that while the total tracks matched account for more than 90% of the uses reported (and hence the value), there is a tail of 'tracks' with only a few reported which cannot be matched and these are therefore not included in distribution. All tracks that are matched successfully are then used to distribute all of the respective MCPS and PRS portions of the revenue.

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Distributions are made in April, July, October and December. The July MCPS distribution was for Joint Online revenues up to the end of 2004, with the exception of Apple - Singles which were...