

Calculating Fees for Recording Documents and Notices of Termination in the Copyright Office

The information below explains how to calculate fees for recording documents under 17 *United States Code* sections 205 (copyright transfers and other transactions), 903 (mask works), and 1320 (vessel hulls), as well as notices of termination under sections 203 and 304.

Fee for Recording a Document or Notice of Termination

The proper fee for recording a document or notice of termination depends on the number of legal transactions and titles contained in the document.

- 1 The basic recording fee is \$105 if only one legal transaction and one title are involved.
- 2 If more than one legal transaction is contained in the document, then the fee is \$105 for each.
- 3 The \$105 fee covers the first title contained in a document, but there is a charge of \$30 for each set of 10 or fewer titles beyond the first title.

“Alternative” titles, “formerly-known-as” titles, and “also known-as” titles are considered to be extra titles. Titles are counted by groups. If there are fewer than 10 titles in a group, the fee for a group still applies. Examples:

A document or termination notice containing 1 transaction and 1 title is \$105.

A document containing 2 transactions and 1 title is \$210 (\$105 + \$105).

A document containing 1 transaction and 2-11 titles is \$135 (\$105 + 30).

A document containing 1 transaction and 12 titles is \$165 (\$105 + \$60).

A termination notice containing 25 titles is \$195 (\$105 + \$90).

In the case of multiple-title documents, titles that are repeated in documents will be counted as a single title, except where the document lists different issues, volumes, chapters, or installments following the title. Each such entry will be regarded as a separate title and will be indexed separately and counted separately for purposes of computing the recordation fee. Examples of multiple titles for which a separate fee is charged:

“Fan Club News,” vol. 1, no. 3 (June 1981)

“Fan Club News,” vol. 1, no. 4 (July 1981)

“Fan Club News,” vol. 1, no. 5 (August 1981)

Fee for Special Handling

The fee for special handling of recordation of a document or a notice of termination is \$480 in addition to regular recordation fees. Special handling is a request for expedited service to meet contractual deadlines or for pending litigation.

***NOTE:** Copyright Office fees are subject to change. For current fees, please check the Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov, write the Copyright Office, or call (202) 707-3000 or 1-877-467-0778.

Make checks payable to Register of Copyrights. Bank drafts must be drawn on, or payable through, a U.S. bank.

Fee Calculation for Multiple Title Documents

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Basic Fee (document with no more than 1 title):\$105.00

NO. OF TITLES	FEE FOR TITLES	FEE + \$105	NO. OF TITLES	FEE FOR TITLES	FEE + \$105
2-11	\$30.00	\$135.00	202-211	\$630.00	\$735.00
12-21	\$60.00	\$165.00	212-221	\$660.00	\$765.00
22-31	\$90.00	\$195.00	222-231	\$690.00	\$795.00
32-41	\$120.00	\$225.00	232-241	\$720.00	\$825.00
42-51	\$150.00	\$255.00	242-251	\$750.00	\$855.00
52-61	\$180.00	\$285.00	252-261	\$780.00	\$885.00
62-71	\$210.00	\$315.00	262-271	\$810.00	\$915.00
72-81	\$240.00	\$345.00	272-281	\$840.00	\$945.00
82-91	\$270.00	\$375.00	282-291	\$870.00	\$975.00
92-101	\$300.00	\$405.00	292-301	\$900.00	\$1005.00
102-111	\$330.00	\$435.00	302-311	\$930.00	\$1035.00
112-121	\$360.00	\$465.00	312-321	\$960.00	\$1065.00
122-131	\$390.00	\$495.00	322-331	\$990.00	\$1095.00
132-141	\$420.00	\$525.00	332-341	\$1020.00	\$1125.00
142-151	\$450.00	\$555.00	342-351	\$1050.00	\$1155.00
152-161	\$480.00	\$585.00	352-361	\$1080.00	\$1185.00
162-171	\$510.00	\$615.00	362-371	\$1110.00	\$1215.00
172-181	\$540.00	\$645.00	372-381	\$1140.00	\$1245.00
182-191	\$570.00	\$675.00	382-391	\$1170.00	\$1275.00
192-201	\$600.00	\$705.00	392-401	\$1200.00	\$1305.00

For more than 401 titles, calculate the fee using combinations of the fees above.

Example: If a document has 730 titles, the total fee is \$2295. This is calculated as follows:

\$1305 (the basic fee of \$105 plus the cost for 400 titles, which is \$1200)
 + \$990 (the cost for 330 titles) equals
\$2295 total