

Calculating Fees for Recording Documents in the Copyright Office

Fee for Recording a Document

The proper fee* for recording a document may be computed from the following schedule:

- 1 The basic recording fee for a document covering no more than one title is \$105.
- 2 There is an additional charge of \$30 for each group of up to 10 additional titles.

“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 containing 1 title is \$105.

A document containing 2 to 11 titles is \$135 (\$105 + \$30).

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

- 3 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. This procedure for computing the fee on multiple title documents became effective July 1, 1998. 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 a Transfer

If a document covers more than one transfer, the fee for each transfer is \$105, regardless of how many transfers are in a single document.

Fee for Special Handling

The fee for special handling of recordation of a document 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.

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

Effective as of August 1, 2009

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