

Calculating Fees for Recording Documents and Notices of Termination

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Copyright Office fees for recording documents and notices of termination vary depending on the number of legal transactions and titles submitted as well as how the titles are submitted to the Office. This circular describes how to calculate these fees.

The information below explains how to calculate fees for recording documents under Title 17 of the *United States Code* sections **205** (transfers of copyright ownership and other documents pertaining to a copyright), **903** (mask works), and **1320** (vessel hulls), as well as notices of termination under sections **203** and **304**.¹

For more information about recordation, please visit the Office's [website](#).

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 (not works) contained in the document and whether the document is accompanied by an electronic title list.

1. The basic recordation 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 transaction.
3. The \$105 fee covers the first title contained in a document. There is a charge of \$35 for each group of one to ten additional titles beyond the first title. However, if the document is accompanied by an electronic title list, a generally discounted charge for additional titles beyond the first title is assessed as follows:
 - 1 to 50 additional titles are charged a flat fee of \$60
 - 51 to 500 additional titles are charged a flat fee of \$225
 - 501 to 1,000 additional titles are charged a flat fee of \$390
 - 1,001 to 10,000 additional titles are charged a flat fee of \$555
 - 10,001 or more additional titles are charged a flat fee of \$5,550

NOTE: To submit an electronic title list, the document must be a transfer of copyright ownership or other document pertaining to a copyright that is recordable with the Copyright Office under section 205. Notices of termination are ineligible. For more information about electronic title lists, please visit the Office's [website](#).

For documents not accompanied by an electronic title list, additional titles are counted by groups of ten. If there are fewer than ten titles in a group, the fee for the 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 \$140 (\$105 + \$35).
 - » If the document is submitted with an electronic title list, the fee is \$165 (\$105 + \$60).

NOTE: Fee savings are realized where documents have more than eleven titles.

- A document containing 1 transaction and 12 titles is \$175 (\$105 + \$35 + \$35).
 - » If the document is submitted with an electronic title list, the fee is \$165 (\$105 + \$60).
- A document containing 1 transaction and 501 titles is \$1,855 (\$105 + (\$35 x 50)).
 - » If the document is submitted with an electronic title list, the fee is \$330 (\$105 + \$225).
- A termination notice containing 65 titles is \$350 (\$105 + \$35 + \$35 + \$35 + \$35 + \$35 + \$35 + \$35).

For more information about how to calculate the total number of titles for multiple-title documents, review the instructions for completing Item 2 on [Form DCS](#) or [Form TCS](#).

Fee for Special Handling

The fee for special handling of recordation of a document or a notice of termination is \$550 in addition to regular recordation fees. Special handling is a request for expedited service to meet contractual deadlines or for pending litigation. See [chapter 2300](#), section 2307 of the *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices* for more information.

Fee for Correcting the Public Catalog Due to an Erroneous Electronic Title List

The fee to correct online public catalog data due to an erroneous electronic title list submission is \$7 per title. For more information about this process, please visit the Office's [website](#).

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 1-877-476-0778 (toll free).

Fee Calculation for Multiple Title Documents

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Basic Fee (document with one transaction and no more than one title): \$105

No. of Titles	Without Electronic Title List		With Electronic Title List	
	Fee for Titles	Fee + \$105	Fee for Titles	Fee + \$105
2-11	\$35	\$140	\$60	\$165
12-21	\$70	\$175	\$60	\$165
22-31	\$105	\$210	\$60	\$165
32-41	\$140	\$245	\$60	\$165
42-51	\$175	\$280	\$60	\$165
52-61	\$210	\$315	\$225	\$330
62-71	\$245	\$350	\$225	\$330
72-81	\$280	\$385	\$225	\$330
82-91	\$315	\$420	\$225	\$330
92-101	\$350	\$455	\$225	\$330
102-111	\$385	\$490	\$225	\$330
112-121	\$420	\$525	\$225	\$330
122-131	\$455	\$560	\$225	\$330
132-141	\$490	\$595	\$225	\$330
142-151	\$525	\$630	\$225	\$330
152-161	\$560	\$665	\$225	\$330
162-171	\$595	\$700	\$225	\$330
172-181	\$630	\$735	\$225	\$330
182-191	\$665	\$770	\$225	\$330
192-201	\$700	\$805	\$225	\$330
202-211	\$735	\$840	\$225	\$330
212-221	\$770	\$875	\$225	\$330
222-231	\$805	\$910	\$225	\$330
232-241	\$840	\$945	\$225	\$330
242-251	\$875	\$980	\$225	\$330
252-261	\$910	\$1,015	\$225	\$330
262-271	\$945	\$1,050	\$225	\$330
272-281	\$980	\$1,085	\$225	\$330
282-291	\$1,015	\$1,120	\$225	\$330
292-301	\$1,050	\$1,155	\$225	\$330
302-311	\$1,085	\$1,190	\$225	\$330
312-321	\$1,120	\$1,225	\$225	\$330
322-331	\$1,155	\$1,260	\$225	\$330
332-341	\$1,190	\$1,295	\$225	\$330
342-351	\$1,225	\$1,330	\$225	\$330
352-361	\$1,260	\$1,365	\$225	\$330
362-371	\$1,295	\$1,400	\$225	\$330
372-381	\$1,330	\$1,435	\$225	\$330
382-391	\$1,365	\$1,470	\$225	\$330
392-401	\$1,400	\$1,505	\$225	\$330

Calculating More Than 401 Titles

For more than 401 titles without an electronic title list, calculate the fee using combinations of the fees above.

Example:

If a document has 730 titles, the total fee is \$2,660. This fee is calculated as follows:

\$1,505 (the basic fee of \$105 plus the cost for 400 titles, which is \$1,400)
+ \$1,155 (the cost for 330 titles) equals
\$2,660 total

For more than 401 titles with an electronic title list, the fee is as follows

No. of Titles	Fee for Titles	Fee + \$105
402-501	\$225	\$330
502-1,001	\$390	\$495
1,002-10,001	\$555	\$660
10,002+	\$5,550	\$5,655

NOTE

1. This circular is intended as an overview of calculating fees for recording documents and notices of termination in the Copyright Office. The authoritative source for U.S. copyright law is the Copyright Act, codified in Title 17 of the *United States Code*. Copyright Office regulations are codified in Title 37 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. Copyright Office practices and procedures are summarized in the third edition of the *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices*, cited as the *Compendium*. The copyright law, regulations, and the *Compendium* are available on the Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov.

For Further Information

By Internet

The copyright law, the *Compendium*, electronic registration, application forms, regulations, and related materials are available on the Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov.

By Email

To send an email inquiry, click the *Contact Us* link on the Copyright Office website.

By Telephone

For general information, call the Copyright Public Information Office at (202) 707-3000 or 1-877-476-0778 (toll free). Staff members are on duty from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. To request application forms or circulars by postal mail, call (202) 707-9100 or 1-877-476-0778 and leave a recorded message.

By Regular Mail

Write to

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U.S. Copyright Office
Publications Section
101 Independence Avenue, SE #6304
Washington, DC 20559-6304

