

Getting started with using the Group Registration Option for Short Online Literary Works

Step One: Click the “Register Certain Groups of Published Works” link located under Other Registration Options in the navigation menu.

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Copyright Registration

Register a Work

Standard Application

This Application may NOT be used to submit "Unpublished Collections." You must select "Register a Group of Unpublished Works" below to register multiple unpublished works

Other Registration Options

Note: Restrictions Apply

- Register Certain Groups of Published Works**
- Register a Group of Photographs
- Register a Group of Unpublished Works
- Register One Work by One Author
- Correct or Amplify an Existing Registration

Other Services

Note: Substantial Fees Required

Preregistration of Certain Types of Work

Miscellaneous

- Use an Existing Template
- Organization/Deposit Account

Additional Copyright Services

- Access Copyright Office Information
- Ask a Question?
- Read Circulars
- Search Online Records

Electronic Copyright Office (eCO)

Welcome,

- Please disable your browser's pop-up blocker
- [What's new in eCO?](#)
- For copyright registration information, instructions, helpful tips and FAQs, [click here](#)
- If you received a Notice for Mandatory Deposit for an electronic work and need more information or help, [click here](#)

Open Cases

Query

Case #	Status	Opened	Title	Vol/ Num/Issue	Month Year	Type of Work	Appl. Format	Appl. Form	Fee Paid	U
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eCO information

The eCO Registration System will be offline for system maintenance from 10:00 PM EDT Saturday, August 15, 2020 until 12:00 AM EDT Monday, August 17, 2020.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may register up to 10 unpublished works on the same application. To do so, YOU MUST SELECT the link for "Register a Group of Unpublished Works." [Click here](#) if you need help finding this link. [Click here](#) to watch a video that provides step-by-step instructions for completing the application for a "Group of Unpublished Works."

The "Standard Application" MAY NOT BE USED to register a "collection" of unpublished works. If you submit 2 or more unpublished works on the "Standard Application" the Copyright Office may refuse to register your claim. If your claim is refused, you will need to resubmit them using an appropriate application form.

The eCO Registration System will be offline every weekend from 10:00 PM Saturday until 6:00 AM Sunday (Eastern Time) for scheduled maintenance.

Step Two: Confirm the type of group you want to register is listed, then click “Start Registration.”

The screenshot shows the 'Copyright' website header with the United States Copyright Office logo and navigation links for Home, a shopping cart, and a user profile. The main heading is 'Certain Groups of Published Works - Registration Process Overview'. Below this, there are two buttons: '<< Back' and 'Start Registration'. A red box highlights the 'Start Registration' button, with a red arrow pointing to it from a text box that says 'Step Two: Confirm the type of group you want to register is listed, then click “Start Registration.”'. Below the buttons, there is a paragraph stating that these applications may only be used to register the types of works listed below. A warning follows: 'If the Copyright Office determines that your works cannot be registered with these applications, your claim may be refused, or there may be delays in the examination of your claim that could require the payment of an additional fee and a later effective date of registration for your claim.' The section 'Group Registration Options' lists three types of works: 1) Up to 3 months of issues from the same serial publication; 2) Up to 1 month of issues from the same newspaper or newsletter; 3) A group of contributions published in periodicals. The third option is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are instructions on when these applications may not be used. Finally, a section titled 'To Complete the Application for Registration you must:' lists three steps: 1) Provide all required information on the application form; 2) Pay the required fee; 3) Upload a copy of your works; DO NOT mail your works to the Copyright Office. A final note at the bottom states: 'If your works are eligible for one of the group registration options listed above, click the “Start Registration” button.'

Step Three: Select “Short Online Literary Works” from the dropdown list to review the eligibility requirements.

The screenshot shows the Copyright United States Copyright Office eCO registration interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Copyright logo and links for Home, a shopping cart icon, and My Account. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "Type of Group" with a "Continue >>" button. The main content area contains instructions: "Select the 'Type of Group' from the dropdown list that best describes the works you wish to register. Then, read the description below. If your group of works meets all of the requirements for the 'Type of Group' you selected, check the box at the bottom to confirm. Then, click 'Continue' at the top of the page." and "If this group of works does not meet the requirements for a group registration, please return to the 'Home' screen to select the 'Standard Application' or one of the 'Other Registration Options' listed on that screen." Below the instructions, there is a dropdown menu for "Type of Group" with the following options: "-Select-", "-Select-", "Contribution to Periodicals TX", "Contribution to Periodicals VA", "Daily Newsletters", "Daily Newspapers", "Serial Issues", and "Short Online Literary Works". The "Short Online Literary Works" option is highlighted in blue. To the left of the dropdown menu, there is a checkbox and the text: "* I agree that I have read, understood, and agree with the requirements described above for filing a group registration." A red box highlights the dropdown menu, and a red arrow points from a text box to the "Short Online Literary Works" option. The text box contains the text: "Step Three: Select 'Short Online Literary Works' from the dropdown list to review the eligibility requirements."

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Step Four: Check the box if your group of short online literary works meets the eligibility requirements.

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* I agree that I have read, understood, and I meet all eligibility requirements described above for filing the selected Group Registration.

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Step Five: Click “Continue” to proceed with application.

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Form Pay Submit Work

Case #: 1-27752919407
Application Format: Standard

Type of Case:

Type of Group

Continue >>

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Select the “Type of Group” from the dropdown list that best describes the works you wish to register. Then, read the description below. If your group of works meets all of the requirements for the “Type of Group” you selected, check the box at the bottom to confirm. Then, click “Continue” at the top of the screen to begin the application.

If this group of works does not meet the requirements for a group registration, please return to the “Home” screen to select the “Standard Application” or one of the “Other Registration Options” listed on that screen.

*Type of Group: Short Online Literary Works

This application may be used to register at least 2 and up to 50 short online literary works.

A “short online literary work” contains at least 50 words and no more than 17,500 words and is first published as part of a website or online platform, including online newspapers, social media websites, and social networking platforms.

Examples of works that may be registered with this application include poems, short stories, articles, essays, columns, blog entries, and social media posts. Works that cannot be registered with this application include computer programs, audiobooks, podcasts, emails, websites, compilations, and collective works.

You may use this group option if the following requirements have been met:

- 1) Each work must be a “short online literary work,” as defined above.
- 2) You may submit at least 2 and no more than 50 works.
- 3) All the works must be published online within a period of three calendar months.
- 4) You must provide the earliest publication date and the most recent publication date for the works in the group.
- 5) You must provide a title for each work and a title for the group as a whole.
- 6) All the works must be created by the same author or the same joint authors.
- 7) The works cannot be works made for hire.
- 8) The author(s) must be named as the copyright claimant(s) for each work.
- 9) The claim must be limited to the “text” that appears in each work.

In addition, you must satisfy the following deposit requirements:

- You must upload one complete copy of each work.
- You must upload a list containing the title, filename, publication date, and word count for each work. To create this list, you are strongly encouraged to use the [fillable form](#) posted on the Office’s website.
- Each work must be contained in a separate electronic file and it must be submitted in an [acceptable file format](#).
- The filename for each work must match the corresponding title word for word as given in the application and in the title list.
- All of the electronic files and the title list must be uploaded in a single ZIP folder. **DO NOT** mail a physical copy to the Copyright Office.

The Office reserves the right to refuse any claim that does not comply with these requirements.

If your works do not satisfy these requirements or if you are unsure if they qualify for this option, please return to the “Home” screen and select a different option.

Need help? [Click here](#) to watch a video that provides step-by-step instructions for completing this application. [Click here](#) to read the help text.

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