

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

Fees in effect as of May 1, 2014

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 \$35 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 \$140 (\$105 + \$35).

A document containing 1 transaction and 12 titles is \$175 (\$105 + \$35 + \$35).

A termination notice containing 25 titles is \$210 (\$105 + \$35 + \$35 + \$35).

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 \$550 in addition to regular recordation fees. Special handling is a request for expedited service to meet contractual deadlines or for pending litigation.

Fee for Correction

The fee to correct the online Public Catalog data due to erroneous electronic title submission is \$7.

***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.

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

NO. OF TITLES	FEE FOR TITLES	FEE + \$105	NO. OF TITLES	FEE FOR TITLES	FEE + \$105
2-11	\$35	\$140	202-211	\$735	\$840
12-21	\$70	\$175	212-221	\$770	\$875
22-31	\$105	\$210	222-231	\$805	\$910
32-41	\$140	\$245	232-241	\$840	\$945
42-51	\$175	\$280	242-251	\$875	\$980
52-61	\$210	\$315	252-261	\$910	\$1,015
62-71	\$245	\$350	262-271	\$945	\$1,050
72-81	\$280	\$385	272-281	\$980	\$1,085
82-91	\$315	\$420	282-291	\$1,015	\$1,120
92-101	\$350	\$455	292-301	\$1,050	\$1,155
102-111	\$385	\$490	302-311	\$1,085	\$1,190
112-121	\$420	\$525	312-321	\$1,120	\$1,225
122-131	\$455	\$560	322-331	\$1,155	\$1,260
132-141	\$490	\$595	332-341	\$1,190	\$1,295
142-151	\$525	\$630	342-351	\$1,225	\$1,330
152-161	\$560	\$665	352-361	\$1,260	\$1,365
162-171	\$595	\$700	362-371	\$1,295	\$1,400
172-181	\$630	\$735	372-381	\$1,330	\$1,435
182-191	\$665	\$770	382-391	\$1,365	\$1,470
192-201	\$700	\$805	392-401	\$1,400	\$1,505

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 \$2,660. This 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