

# 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.

The screenshot shows the Copyright Office eCO website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with sections: 'Check Registration Case Status', 'Copyright Registration', 'Other Registration Options', 'Other Services', 'Miscellaneous', and 'Additional Copyright Services'. The 'Other Registration Options' section contains a red-bordered box around the link 'Register Certain Groups of Published Works'. A red arrow points from a text box to this link. The text box contains the text: 'Step One: Use this link to register a group of short online literary works.' The main content area on the right displays a welcome message, instructions to disable pop-up blockers, and a table of 'Open Cases' with columns for Case #, Status, Opened, Title, Vol/ Num/Issue, Month Year, Type of Work, Appl. Format, Appl. Form, Fee Paid, and User. Below the table is a section titled '\*eCO information\*' with maintenance notices and an important note about registering unpublished works.

**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 menu. 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 several categories of works. A red box highlights the option 'At least 2 and up to 50 short online literary works'. Below this, there are instructions on when these applications may not be used. A list of requirements to complete the application is provided, including providing information, paying a fee, and uploading works. A final note states that if eligible, the user should click the 'Start Registration' button.

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### Certain Groups of Published Works - Registration Process Overview

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### Group Registration Options

These applications may **only** be used to register the following types of works:

- Up to 3 months of issues from the same [serial publication](#)
- Up to 1 month of issues from the same [newspaper](#) or [newsletter](#) (regardless of whether the issues are published daily, weekly, bi-weekly, etc.)
- A group of [contributions published in periodicals](#)
- **At least 2 and up to 50 [short online literary works](#)**

These applications **may not** be used to register any other type of work. If you want to register a work that is not listed above, please return to the "[Home](#)" screen to select the Standard Application or one of the "Other Registration Options" listed on that screen.

These applications **may not** be used to correct an error in an existing registration, or to amplify the information given in an existing registration. For this type of request, please return to the "Home" screen and select the option for "[Correct or Amplify an Existing Registration](#)."

### To Complete the Application for Registration you must:

- 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](#)

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 'Copyright United States Copyright Office' on the left and 'Home | Shopping Cart | My Account' on the right. 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.' Below this, it says: '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.' A dropdown menu for '\* Type of Group:' is open, showing 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 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 application.' To the right, a red box contains the text 'Step Three: Select "Short Online Literary Works" from the dropdown list to review the eligibility requirements.' with a red arrow pointing to the 'Short Online Literary Works' option in the dropdown menu.

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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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Application Format: Standard

Type of Case:

Type of Group  **Continue >>**

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.

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\*Type of Group:

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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.

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

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Type of Case:

Type of Group

**Continue >>**

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