

# Getting started with the Group Registration Option for Updates to a News Website

**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 is highlighted, and the link 'Register Certain Groups of Published Works' is highlighted in yellow. A red callout box with white text and an arrow points to this link, containing the text: 'Step One: Use this link to register a group of updates to a news website.' The main content area shows a 'Welcome,' message, a list of instructions (including 'Please disable your browser's pop-up blocker'), and an 'Open Cases' table with columns for 'Case #' and 'Status'. Below the table is a section titled '\*eCO information\*' with an 'IMPORTANT NOTE' and a link to 'Take Our Survey!' at the bottom.

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

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These applications may **only** be used to register the types of works listed below. 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.

### 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](#); **or up to 1 month of updates to the same news website**
- A group of [contributions](#) published in periodicals
- At least 2 and up to 50 [short online literary works](#)
- Up to 20 [musical works](#) published on the same album
- Up to 20 [sound recordings](#) published on the same album (including any photos, artwork, or liner notes first published with the album)

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](#)

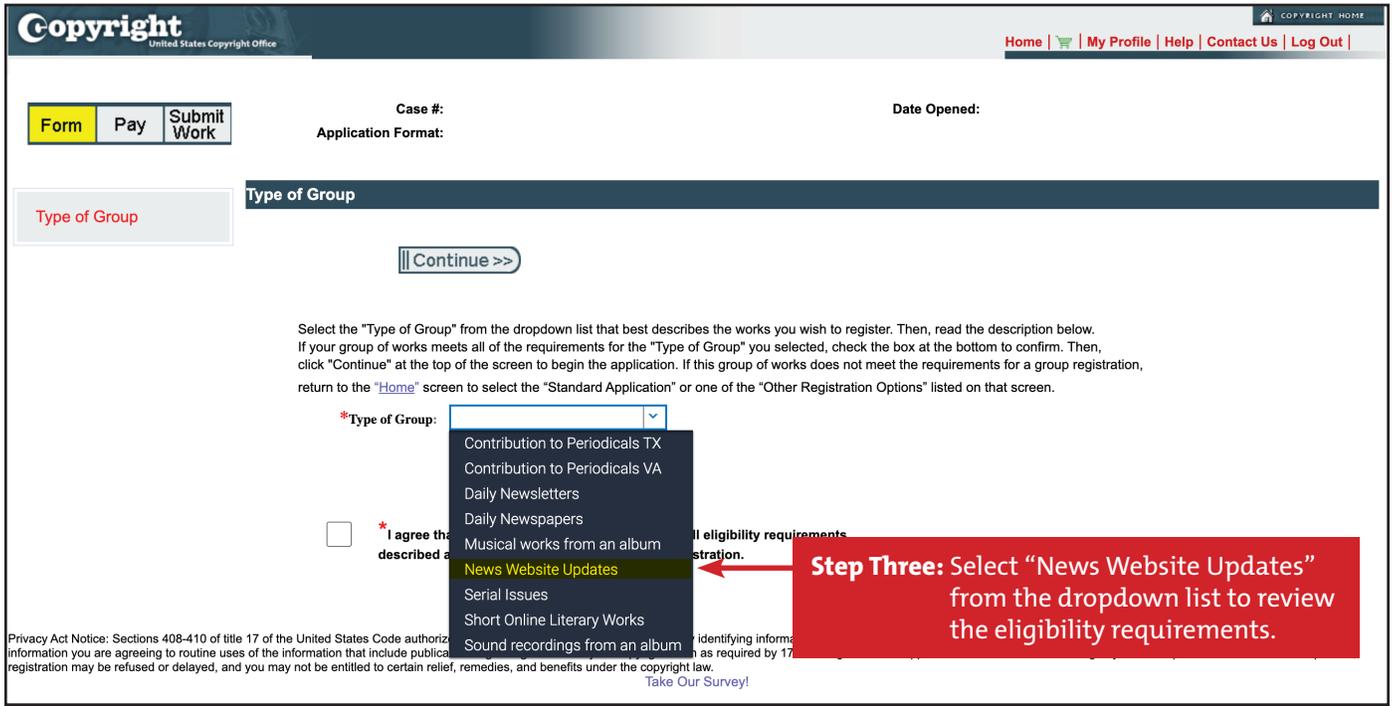
**Exception:** If you are registering a group of sound recordings published on the same album, and if the album was distributed in a physical format (CD, LP, etc.), you will need to send physical copies of the album in most cases – rather than uploading digital copies of your works. [Read more.](#)

If your works are eligible for one of the group registration options listed above, click the ‘Start Registration’ button.

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**Step Three:** Select “News Website Updates” from the dropdown list to review the eligibility requirements.



The screenshot shows the Copyright.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Copyright logo and links for Home, My Profile, Help, Contact Us, and Log Out. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for Form, Pay, and Submit Work. The main content area is titled "Type of Group" and contains a "Continue >>" button. Below the button, there is a paragraph of 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 screen to begin the application. If this group of works does not meet the requirements for a group registration, return to the 'Home' screen to select the 'Standard Application' or one of the 'Other Registration Options' listed on that screen." Below this text is a dropdown menu for "Type of Group" with the following options: Contribution to Periodicals TX, Contribution to Periodicals VA, Daily Newsletters, Daily Newspapers, Musical works from an album, News Website Updates (highlighted in yellow), Serial Issues, Short Online Literary Works, and Sound recordings from an album. To the left of the dropdown menu is a checkbox with the text "\* I agree that the works described above meet all eligibility requirements for group registration." A red callout box with white text points to the "News Website Updates" option in the dropdown menu, stating: "Step Three: Select 'News Website Updates' from the dropdown list to review the eligibility requirements." At the bottom left, there is a Privacy Act Notice: "Sections 408-410 of title 17 of the United States Code authorize the Copyright Office to collect, use, and disseminate identifying information you are agreeing to routine uses of the information that include publication information. Your registration may be refused or delayed, and you may not be entitled to certain relief, remedies, and benefits under the copyright law." At the bottom right, there is a link that says "Take Our Survey!".

**Step Four:** Carefully review the eligibility requirements for this type of registration. Check the box if the updates to a news website meet all of the eligibility requirements. If the updates do not meet all of the requirements, return to the Home screen and select a different registration option.

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Form Pay Submit Work

Case #: Application Format: Date Opened:

Type of Group

Continue >>

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\*Type of Group: News Website Updates

This application may be used to register a group of updates to **one news website** published within one calendar month.

A "news website" is defined as a website that is designed to be a primary source of written information on current events, either local, national, or international in scope, that contains a broad range of news on all subjects and activities, and is not limited to any specific subject matter.

A website is a web page or set of interconnected web pages that are accessed using a uniform resource locator (URL) organized under a particular domain name.

Select this option if the following requirements have been met:

- 1) Each update was made to a news website, as defined above
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- 3) Each update must be a collective work that has not been published before, and the claim in each update must be limited to the collective work
- 4) Each update must be a work made for hire
- 5) The author and claimant for each update must be the same person or organization
- 6) All the updates must be published within the same calendar month (for example, March 1-March 31), and the applicant must identify the earliest and latest date that the updates were published during that month

For each day of the month when new updates were published on the news website, the applicant must submit a separate PDF file that contains a complete copy of the home page for that site. In each case, the PDF must reflect new collective work authorship that appeared on the home page at a specific point during that day of the month. Note: Each PDF only needs to show how the home page appeared when the author/claimant published one of the updates during that day of the month, even if the author/claimant published multiple updates throughout that day.

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**Step Four: Check the box if the updates to a news website meet all eligibility requirements.**

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