



How to register your event with APRA

Event Licences

Once you have finalised your concert line up, or decided on the music to be used for your event, you need to contact APRA. Music is protected by copyright law and you require a licence from APRA to publicly perform either live or recorded music.

Who is responsible for obtaining a licence?

The person authorising a public performance of music at any event is the one who should complete an APRA licence agreement. If you are promoting a concert, function or any other event that uses music, it is your responsibility to contact APRA prior to the event so that the appropriate licence can be arranged.

Box Office (Ticketed) Events

Concerts, festivals or events (not including dance parties) with a box office ie. ticket sales, are generally licensed on a Concert Promoter's Licence. Fees are calculated at a 1.65% of gross box office receipts (1.5%+GST) and are paid after the event.

As part of administering this licence, you must ensure that all performers complete lists of the works they perform and return these to APRA within 30 days of the event. The song lists are important because they allow APRA to identify the composers who should receive royalty payments.

Free Events

If your concert, festival or event (not including dance parties), is free to the public, you will still require an APRA licence to play copyright music. The licence fee is calculated at 2.2% of the gross expenditure on live performers, with a minimum fee of \$38.50. If there is no expenditure on live performers the minimum fee of \$38.50 applies.

Dance Parties

Dance Parties with a box office, ie ticket sales, are generally licensed on APRA's Dance Party Licence. Fees are calculated at 1.859% of gross box office receipts (1.69%+GST) or 10.791 cents per person admitted (9.81 cents +GST) whichever is greater. Licence fees are generally paid after the event, but in some cases an advance payment is required.

APRA may also request a lists of the works played by each DJ on the night. The play lists are important because they allow APRA to identify the composers who should receive royalty payments.

If your dance party is free to the public, you still need to take out an APRA licence to play copyright music. The licence fee is calculated at 10.791 cents per person admitted to the party with a minimum fee of \$38.50.

Corporate and Industry functions

If your event or dinner function is for invited guests, you still need to take out an APRA licence to play copyright music. The licence issued for these type of events may involve collection of performers' song lists depending on the scale of the event if you have live performers. The licence fee is calculated at 2.2% of the gross expenditure on live performers, with a minimum fee of \$38.50.

Licence Fees and GST

All licence fees attract GST. Licences fees may be a tax deductible business expense and the GST component an input tax credit.

Where appropriate, fees are subject to automatic annual adjustments in accordance with the percentage rise in the consumer price index (All Groups Sydney).

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