

MUSIC IN COMMERCIAL COLLEGES

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This licence covers the use of music in commercial colleges which are registered training organisations for the certain uses of music such as:

- Performing copyright music and sound recordings at free events;
- Making audio and audio-visual recordings of college events;
- Providing recordings to the college community (either free or at a cost recovery price);
- Placing recordings and audio-visual materials on a learning management system;
- Using copyright musical works in student projects and as part of course content; and
- Screening student projects containing copyright musical works at college events.

Why do I need a licence?

If you use copyright music in your commercial college you need permission (a licence) from the authors of that music. By 'use' we mean anything from playing the radio, turning on a TV in the reception area, copying music from one device to another, streaming music through an iPad, piping music through your phone system, using a background music supplier, organising a concert and more. Securing an APRA AMCOS licence will meet your legal obligations under the Copyright Act.

Who is APRA AMCOS?

APRA AMCOS (which stands for the Australasian Performing Right Association and the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society) is a non-profit organisation which licenses rights in music on behalf of more than 90,000 members linked with 170 affiliated similar organisations worldwide. We pay your annual licence fees directly back to the songwriters, composers and publishers who own the music you're using. Legal alternatives to securing an APRA AMCOS licence are on page 2.

You can get independent information at www.copyright.org.au.

When do I pay?

You pay when you first take out the licence, then just once a year. If your APRA AMCOS licence fee is more than \$500, we will put you on quarterly payments (with no interest). Extended payment terms are available. To find our more contact our Customer Support Team on 1300 852 388.



How much does it cost per year?

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Cost per Full Time Equivalent Student (FTE)	\$7.80
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The fee is increased by September Quarter CPI.

Rates include 10% GST and are not negotiable. Fees will increase by CPI each year. Licence fees are renewed and may be reassessed each year to take into account any changes in your music use.

Example.

A private music institute provides tertiary education in music to **500 students** across multiple courses – such as Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education. The institute holds concerts and events showcasing student works. They also make and use recordings for educational purposes.

This institute would pay an annual licence fee of **\$3,900 (ex GST)** to cover their 500 FTE students.

How long does the licence last?

Licence renewal:

The agreement runs for five years but can continue to roll over after that. Licence fees are increased by CPI each year.

What music can I use if I have an APRA AMCOS licence?

We've done the hard work for you so our licence allows you to use **virtually any commercially released music** from anywhere around the world.

What does **APRA AMCOS** do with my fees?

We care about ensuring the licence fees you pay are distributed in the most economical and accurate way possible. We deduct our operational expenses from total revenue received and we then distribute your APRA AMCOS licence fees to the songwriters, composers and music publishers whose works we have licensed to you.

This means for every dollar we collect, about 85 cents is returned to music creators. At 15 per cent, our operational costs compare very favourably to organisations providing the same service overseas.

Fees from this licence fee are paid out under our tertiary music use distribution. Included in this distribution are university licence fees and commercial college licence fees. The payments are based on **data collected from universities across Australia**.



Comments and complaints

We care about the service we give you and we welcome your feedback. If you'd like to comment on our service, email licence@apra.com.au.

Read about our [formal complaints procedure here](#).

Disputes

If you do not agree with how we apply this licence to your business, with our fees, or with any of our services, you can use our convenient dispute resolution system. Email disputes@apra.com.au or call 02 9935 7900.

Read about our [dispute resolution system here](#).

APRA AMCOS (the Australasian Performing Right Association and the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society) is a collective management organisation which licenses performing, communication and reproduction rights in music on behalf of more than 90,000 members and 142,000 licensees with 170 affiliated organisations worldwide.

This fact sheet is a guide only. Refer to the licence for full terms and conditions.

Do I have to go through **APRA AMCOS** to use music in our college?

This really depends on your music use. Some uses are covered by the Copyright Act (1968) for use in a course of instruction – performance for example. Many uses, such as reproduction are not covered by the Act and require licensing.

APRA AMCOS | ARIA PPCA Licence.

Our licence is a one-stop shop for the world's repertoire of music and we believe it provides the easiest and most cost-effective way to access public performance rights to music.

Direct Licensing. Our members may license their music directly to music users and you are free to discuss this with them. You can find more details on our website under [Dealing directly with copyright owners](#).

Re-recorded or "PPCA-Free" Music.

Some music suppliers re-record popular tracks using session musicians and singers. Although the product is not the original recording, you still need our licence because the lyrics and melodies are not changed and remain represented by us.

Royalty-Free Music. Some music suppliers offer recordings of music which they say is outside our repertoire and so does not need our licence. If you wish to use a "Royalty-Free" music product, please contact us and we will check whether any extra licences are needed.



Need more information?

Contact our Customer Support Team on 1300 852 388 or email schools@apra.com.au.