

## TARIFF

# 15A

## BACKGROUND MUSIC

### Quick Facts

**Licence period:**  
one year (Jan. to Dec.)

**Annual fee:**  
\$1.23 per square metre  
or 11.46¢ per square foot  
(\$94.51 min. fee)

**Deadline:**  
Jan. 31 of the licensed year  
(music licence form and  
payment)

**Music Licence Form:**  
[socan.ca/form/15A](http://socan.ca/form/15A)

Licence to play (publicly perform) background music in establishments (retail stores, eating/drinking establishments, etc.)

### Licence fee calculation

#### EXAMPLE 1:

Company ABC operates a 100 square metre store and uses CDs to play background music for its customers three times a week, twelve months a year.

Fee:  $100 \times \$1.23 = \$123$ . Company ABC's licence for the year is \$123 + taxes

#### EXAMPLE 2:

BigJoe is an 800 square foot restaurant and uses MP3s to play background music.

Fee:  $800 \times \$0.1146 = \$91.68$ . BigJoe's licence for the year is \$94.51 (min. fee) + taxes.

**Seasonal businesses:** businesses operating less than six months per year are considered seasonal for the purpose of Tariff 15A and will pay the half rate; however, the \$94.51 annual minimum fee still applies. Businesses operating six months or more are required to pay the full year's licence fee.

If the music used is provided by a music supplier, you may not need a SOCAN licence for that use. Please contact us to ensure you are covered.

**Calculate your licence:** [socan.ca/calculator/15A](http://socan.ca/calculator/15A)

If you have any additional music uses, please contact SOCAN or try the Licence Finder at [socan.ca](http://socan.ca)

Other tariffs that may apply:

15B (music on hold over the phone)

3A (live music, such as bands etc.)

18 (dance floor or similar setting)

8 (single event with or without dancing)

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Current licensees: 1.866.944.6223  
New licensees: 1.866.944.6210  
[licence@socan.ca](mailto:licence@socan.ca)  
[socan.ca](http://socan.ca)

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