Licence to communicate music to the public by non-commercial radio stations

Quick Facts

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

Annual fee:
1.9% of station’s estimated gross operating costs* for the licensed year

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

Music Licence Form:
socan.ca/form/1B

License fee calculation

(a) Current year: fee calculation is based on the estimated gross operating costs
(b) Previous year: fee adjustment based on actual gross operating costs

EXAMPLE:
Station XYZ-FM is reporting their 2012 licensed year. The estimated gross operating costs for 2011 were $10,000. The actual gross operating costs for 2011 is $12,000. The estimated gross operating costs budgeted for 2012 is $15,000.

(a) Fee for 2012: ($15,000 x 1.9%) = $285
(b) Fee adjustment for 2011: ($12,000 x 1.9%) – ($10,000 x 1.9%) = $228 - $190 = $38

Total 2012 fee and adjustment to 2011 fee = $285 + $38 = $323 (+ taxes)

NOTE:

(1) “Non-commercial radio stations” includes any station that is non-profit or not-for-profit, whether or not any part of its operating expenses is funded by advertising (e.g. campus radio stations). It excludes CBC radio stations, which are licensed under Tariff 1C.

(2) This tariff does not apply to the use of music covered by Tariff 22 or the Pay Audio Tariff.

For information purposes only. For the complete text of the tariff, please consult the Canada Gazette, available on our website at socan.ca/licensees/music-use or visit the Copyright Board of Canada’s website at www.cb-cda.gc.ca.