TARIFF

3A

LIVE MUSIC

Quick Facts

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

Annual fee:
3% of annual compensation for entertainment*
($89.76 min. fee)

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

Music Licence Form:
socan.ca/form/3A

Licence to play (publicly perform) live music in an eating/drinking establishment (bars, clubs, lounges, cabarets, cafés, dining rooms, etc.)

Licence fee calculation
The licence fee calculation is based on the previous year's actual compensation for live music or an estimate for the licensed year.

EXAMPLE 1:
In 2015, Bob's Bistro paid $1,000 to performers for live entertainment, as well as $500 in in-kind contributions for performers' meals and drinks.
Fee: ($1,000 + $500) × 3% = $45. The bistro's 2015 licence fee is $89.76 + taxes (min. fee)

EXAMPLE 2:
In 2016, Bistro ABC paid a licence fee of $89.76 + taxes (min. fee). They then sent in an adjusted actual 2011 report at the end of the year showing that they paid a total of $5,000 for live music. A balance will be owed for 2016 (based on the increase), and the 2017 fees will be calculated using the adjusted 2016 actual.
Fee: ($5,000 × 3%) = $150. The 2017 licence fee is $150 + taxes.

Calculate your licence: socan.ca/calculator/3A

If you have any additional music uses, please contact SOCAN or try the Licence Finder at socan.com

Other tariffs that may apply:

15A (background music in your venue, retail store, etc.)
15B (music on hold over the phone)
18 (dance floor or similar setting)
8 (single event with or without dancing)
20 (karaoke)

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.