Quick Facts

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

Annual fee:
2% of annual compensation for entertainment* ($67.32 min. fee)

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

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

*Compensation for entertainment means the total amounts paid by the licensee to, plus any other compensation received by, all performers, for entertainment of which recorded music forms an integral part. Other compensation may include tips and gratuities paid to the performers directly by patrons, and any in-kind contributions (i.e. the market value of meals, drinks, transportation, accommodation, etc.) given to performers by the licensee.

**Does not apply to adult entertainment. For use of music with adult entertainment see Tariff 3C.

Licence fee calculation

The licence fee calculation is based on the previous year’s actual compensation for entertainment using recorded 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) × 2% = $30. The bistro’s 2015 licence fee is $67.32 + taxes (min. fee)

EXAMPLE 2:

In 2016, Bistro ABC paid a licence fee of $67.32 + taxes (min. fee). They then sent in an adjusted actual 2016 report showing that they paid a total of $5,000 for live entertainment. A balance will be owed for 2015 (based on the increase), and the 2017 fees will be calculated using the adjusted actual.

Fee: $5000 × 2% = $100. The 2017 licence fee is $100 + taxes

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

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

Other tariffs that may apply:

3A (live music in your venue, bar, etc.)
15A (background music in your venue, retail store, etc.)
15B (music on hold over the phone)
18 (dance floor or similar setting)
3C (adult entertainment)
11B (magic shows)