

Market • Audio Productions

– the department where you apply for music recording licences

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Clearing music rights in audio productions

WHEN DO YOU NEED AN NCB LICENCE?

If you want to record music onto any audio media – such as CD, audio DVD or vinyl – you will have to contact NCB to obtain a licence.

WHY DO YOU NEED A LICENCE?

Applicable copyright law says that the person who creates a new piece of music automatically owns the copyright in the music.

He alone can decide if his music can be used, how it can be used and by whom it can be used.

This also applies to the recording of music, of course.

The copyright lasts until 70 years after the

death of the composer as well as the lyricist – after that time the music is said to be in the “public domain”. However, there may also be copyright arrangements of public domain works that enjoy copyright protection, consequently, you should always contact NCB to make sure.

NCB AS THE PRACTICAL INTERMEDIARY

Licence from the rights owners (= composers, lyricists and music publishers) to use their music in audio productions is handled by NCB.

That makes it easy for those who write the music – and for those who want to use the music.



Do you know ...

- that NCB is a non-profit society that collaborates with affiliated societies all over the world

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NCB is a non-profit society owned by the Nordic performing rights societies. Visit us at www.ncb.dk/english for details.

WHAT DOES NCB's LICENCE COVER?

NCB's licence covers the right to record and make copies of the music and lyrics that NCB administers.

NCB's "Licensing Terms" and rates constitute the terms that apply to the making of all audio productions that are not covered by any other NCB agreements.

If you are a record company that has a regular production of audio recordings, you may apply for a permanent agreement with NCB (standard contract). Apart from an approval from NCB, you will also have to come up with a banker's guarantee and pay monthly advances.

ARE ANY ADDITIONAL PERMISSIONS REQUIRED?

The below instances require additional permissions apart from the NCB recording licence:

- © any change of the music/lyrics (this also applies to translations)
- © first commercial recording of a musical work onto any audio media
- © the use of music in any advertising, political, religious or pornographic context
- © sampling of fragments or re-recording from existing recordings

It rests with you to obtain these additional permissions from the rights owners (and in the last mentioned instance from the record company as well).

COMPULSORY LABEL INFORMATION

All copies containing NCB licensed music must bear the following information:

- © NCB's logo (can be downloaded from www.ncb.dk)
- © names of composer(s)/lyricist(s) of all songs (and arrangers and publishers, if any)
- © indication of duration in minutes and seconds of all songs
- © for your own sake you should also indicate year of recording, name of your record company (or your own name if you make the recording as an individual) as well as the following wording:

»All rights of the producer and of the owner of the works reproduced reserved. Unauthorised copying, hiring, lending, public performance and broadcasting of this recording prohibited.«

NCB APPROVED DUPLICATION PLANTS

You can only have your music productions manufactured at a CD/DVD duplication plant that has signed a manufacturing contract with NCB.

A list of all NCB approved plants in the Nordic and Baltic countries can be downloaded from our website www.ncb.dk under menu items [Manufacture] → [Address/label lists].

You can also have your products manufactured at a plant outside the Nordic/Baltic area, provided that the plant has entered into a manufacturing contract with the copyright society of the country in question.

Always remember in your application to NCB to indicate the name of the plant you use.



how to apply

ENTER NCB's WEBSITE - www.ncb.dk

Choose the following menu items [NCB Direct] → [Application for a recording licence].

You will now get the electronic application form. At the end of the form there is a link to NCB's Licensing Terms (= the terms that apply to NCB's licence).

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

Now you complete the application form by indicating all the information required.

All the time you have the possibility of making corrections to the information you give, and help is available where you see a question mark in a blue circle.

When you have completed the form, you click »Accept« - and NCB will now receive your application for further handling.

PAYMENT OF INVOICE = LICENCE GRANTED

Shortly afterwards you will receive an invoice from NCB covering royalties to the rights owners (= composers, lyricists, music publishers).

On payment of the invoice you are entitled to have the number of copies manufactured that is indicated in your application.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact NCB's department »Market • Audio Productions« by phone (+45) 33 36 87 00 or e-mail: audio@ncb.dk