

LICENCE FEES FOR FULL-TEXT DATABASES: 2020 DISTRIBUTION

1. Background

These licence fees are for the inclusion of articles from journals and similar periodicals in full-text databases available to users under subscription arrangements.

There are four licensees:

- RMIT (for four Informit databases)
- Ebsco
- Proquest
- Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)

We also have a licence for document delivery (supply of documents on request) with Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI). The licensees are listed on the [Licence Participation webpage](#) on our website.

We are currently in discussions with RMIT regarding licensing arrangements from 2021.

In 2019, we began setting aside 10% of the licence fees to include in our annual distribution for writers in periodicals and collected works who retain copyright. About 1,700 writers in the data from RMIT received an allocation from the [March 2020 writers' distribution](#).

2. Changes since previous distribution of licence fees from full-text databases

From 2020, we will set aside 10% of the fees from Ebsco and Proquest, as well from RMIT, for writers.

3. Funds for distribution

Amount (approx.)	\$1m (including amounts set aside for writers in March 2021)			
		\$ fees	\$for dist (total)	\$ writers
	Informit Collections	285,931	245,900	27,322
	Informit APAFT	422,833	363,636	40,404
	Informit AGIS	328,411	282,433	31,381
	Informit APLUS	124,208	106,819	11,869
	Informit total	1,161,382	998,789	110,977
	Proquest	20,263	17,143	1,905
	Ebsco	21,017	17,780	1,975
	Databases total	1,202,662	1,033,712	114,857
Licence fee source	Licence fees from RMIT, Ebsco and Proquest for full-text databases			
Licence type	Non-statutory			
Licence period	January to December 2019			
How calculated	Licence fees received less deductions for anticipated operating costs and Cultural Fund: see here .			

4. Distribution scheduled for

August 2020

5. Source/s of data for distribution

- RMIT gives us access to data about articles that subscribers have downloaded during the licence period.
- Ebsco gives us a list of articles with downloads per title.

- Proquest gives us a list of journal titles (not articles) with a dollar value ('royalty') per title.

6. Minimum allocation

There is no minimum *allocation*, but we only make a payment to a member when all allocations (from all sources) aggregate to \$10 or more.

7. Obligation to share payment

All allocations are to publishers of periodicals. We provide for writers who are entitled to receive Copyright Agency payments in the annual writers' distribution.

8. Number of recipients

Based on the 2019 distribution, there will be about 400 publisher recipients. There will also be about 1,700 writer recipients in the 2021 distribution for writers in periodicals and collected works.