

LICENCE FEES FROM UNIVERSITIES: JUNE 2021 DISTRIBUTION

BACKGROUND

The Copyright Tribunal is currently determining the amount of equitable remuneration payable by the 39 universities that are members of Universities Australia, from 1 January 2019. The Tribunal has ordered that, for the interim, the universities pay half the 2018 amount (\$16.25m per year) to Copyright Agency for distribution to members, and the same amount into an escrow account pending the Tribunal’s final determination in 2021.

The universities pay an amount each quarter, and we distribute the available funds twice a year. We are continuing to apply a similar methodology and scheduling as we did for fees received before 2019, but the amount of money available for distribution in the short term is less than it was previously.

CHANGES SINCE PREVIOUS DISTRIBUTION OF LICENCE FEES FROM UNIVERSITIES

Available data

Universities have continued to provide some data since the beginning of the pandemic, but less than previously.

We have used the same data that we used for the December 2020 distribution (April 2019 to April 2020), together with data from the remainder of 2020.

Amounts set aside for the artists’ and writers’ royalty claim distributions

In the December 2020 distribution, we set aside 3% for the writers’ royalty claim distribution and 1% for the artists’ royalty claim distribution.

In the June 2021 distribution, we will increase the amount set aside for the artists’ royalty claim distribution to 2%, to cover images copied without text (as well as images copied with text).

FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

Amount (approx.)	\$6.8m (including for artists’ and writers’ royalty claim distributions)
Licence fee source	Licence fees from members of Universities Australia
Licence type	Statutory
Licence period	January to June 2021
How calculated	Licence fees received less deductions for anticipated operating costs and Cultural Fund: see here .

DATA ‘CARRIED FORWARD’

We make allocations to rightsholders that we have a reasonable prospect of paying. We hold data relating to other rightsholders, that can be used in future distributions if circumstances change (e.g. if a rightsholder becomes a member and provides bank details).

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.

OBLIGATION TO SHARE PAYMENT

In accordance with [the Distribution Policy](#), recipients may be required to share payments with others with a legal entitlement. Some book publishers are required to share payments with writers and illustrators, if we do not yet have shares registered that enable us to pay all shareholders directly.