

## **DISTRIBUTION OF LICENCE FEES FOR FULL-TEXT DATABASES: AUGUST 2022**

### **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.

The licensees are listed on the [Licence Participation webpage](#) on our website.

### **CHANGES SINCE PREVIOUS DISTRIBUTION**

- The amount for distribution from RMIT is much less than previous years (about \$770,000 compared to \$1m) because RMIT now has direct licences for about 170 titles
- RMIT previously paid licence fees, and provided data, separately for four databases (APAFT, AGIS, A Plus and Informit Collections), but are now providing one payment and one dataset
- We have simplified the research process by aggregating the data to unique journal titles
- We have introduced a minimum payment of \$100
- There is \$18,000 of unpaid allocations (rollovers) from past distributions of licence fees from full-text databases: this will be added to the Annual Writers Distribution, with an adjustment to the amount set aside for the Annual Writers Distribution from the 2021 licence fees for full-text databases

### **FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

			<b>Writers</b>	<b>Publishers</b>
Amount (approx.)	Informit: refund from Melbourne Uni	123,000	–	123,000
	Informit: licence fees for 2021	769,349	61,547	707,802
	Proquest	14,491	1159	13,332
	Ebsco	11,347	907	10,440
	rollovers	18,000	18,000	–
	<b>Total</b>			<b>81,613</b>
Licence type	Non-statutory			
Licence period	January to December 2021			
How calculated	Licence fees received less deductions for anticipated operating costs and Cultural Fund: see <a href="#">here</a> .			

### **AMOUNTS SET ASIDE FOR ANNUAL WRITERS DISTRIBUTION**

Since 2019, we have set aside 10% of the licence fees for full-text databases for the Annual Writers Distribution.

For the 2022 distribution, we have adjusted the percentage set aside from the 2021 licence fees to reflect the unpaid allocations from past distributions of licence fees for full-text databases that are now available for redistribution. We are putting the rollover funds into the Annual Writers Distribution, together with a percentage from the 2021 licence fees, so that the total for the Annual Writers Distribution approximates the percentage set aside for the Annual Writers Distribution in previous years. We have used a rounded-up percentage, so the dollar figure is slightly higher.

## **DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULED FOR**

August 2022

## **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 per title.

## **NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS**

There will be about 320 publisher recipients.