

## LICENCE FEES FROM UNIVERSITIES: JUNE 2023 DISTRIBUTION

### BACKGROUND

In February 2023, Universities Australia and Copyright Agency reached a settlement agreement regarding the copyright licence fees (equitable remuneration) payable by the [39 universities represented by Universities Australia](#) until 2026, and the balance of fees for 2019 to 2022.

The joint announcement by Universities Australia and Copyright Agency is [here](#).

Under the agreement, equitable remuneration payable by the 39 universities (jointly) is as follows:

- 2019–22: \$31 million per year
- 2023–24: \$28.5 million per year
- 2025–26: \$27.5 million per year

The agreement also establishes a working party to develop mechanisms for data collection on the copying and sharing of content in the university sector. In the meantime, the university sector is continuing to provide data on electronic use from samples of universities.

In March 2023, we distributed the additional licence fees for 2019 to 2022 that were released from escrow.

We distribute licence fees from the university sector twice a year.

### CHANGES SINCE NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF LICENCE FEES FROM UNIVERSITIES

The main changes are:

- the amount for distribution is higher, because the amount distributed in November 2022 was of the initial payment (not the total payment) for July to December 2022 (the balance was distributed, as part of the additional licence fees for 2019 to 2022, in March 2023)
- the amounts ‘rolled over’ from previous years’ distributions was factored into the November 2022 distribution (and there are no further rollover amounts for this distribution)
- to reduce fluctuations in allocations from distribution, which result from survey data from small samples, we have used titles from surveys in the previous 6 years rather than the previous 2 years

## Funds for distribution

		\$m			
		Gross	Admin 17.4%	Cultural Fund 1.5%	Net
Amount (approx.)	Licence fees invoiced for January to June 2023	14.25	(2.48)	(0.21)	11.56
	Unpaid allocations rolled over	–	–	–	–
	<b>Total</b>				<b>11.56</b>
Licence type	Statutory				

## Amounts set aside for annual artists and writers distributions

We currently set aside 5% of the distributable amount from universities for the Annual Artists Distribution (2%) and the Annual Artists Distribution (3%).

We set aside amounts for the Annual Artists Distribution and Annual Writers Distribution from the March 2023 distribution of additional licence fees for 2019 to 2022 (released from escrow). Those amounts were based on the percentages that applied in each of the distributions of the initial amounts, from 2019 to 2022.

We are also setting aside amounts from the remainder of the funds for distribution for the 2023 financial year (July 2022 to June 2023).

The remaining amounts for those distributions, for June 2023, are:

	\$m	
	gross	net (less deductions)
Jul to Dec 2022 licence fees (initial distribution)	7.97	6.5
Jan to Jun 2023 licence fees	14.25	11.5
rollovers	0.47	0.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.69</b>	<b>18.47</b>
artists (2%)	0.45	0.37
writers (3%)	0.68	0.55

## Distribution pools

The distribution pool will be apportioned as follows, to take into account the rollover amount:

	licence fees		rollovers	total
	%	\$m net	\$m net	
Publications (publishers of books, journals, newspapers, websites and writers/illustrators with book shares)	96.11%	11.11		11.11
Annual Artists Distribution	3.20%	0.37		0.37
Annual Writers Distribution (principally writers in periodicals, collected works)	0.69%	0.08	0.47	0.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11.56</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>12.03</b>