

## ANNUAL LICENCE FEES FROM FULL TEXT DATABASES: AUGUST 2025 DISTRIBUTION

### Background

This distribution is for licence fees for the inclusion of articles from journals and similar periodicals in full-text subscriber databases available to users under subscription arrangements communicated between January to December 2024. The licence fees are from:

- RMIT (for Informit databases)
- Ebsco
- Proquest

There is more information about these licence schemes on our website [here](#).

### Changes since previous distribution

- Due to RMIT increasing their direct licensing agreements with publishers, the Informit Databases distribution pool is lower than in previous years:
  - August 2021: \$1.0m
  - August 2022: \$0.8m
  - August 2023: \$0.7m
  - August 2024: \$0.6m
- Exclude articles published prior to 2012 for the Melbourne University Law Review as these have been identified as author controlled. A separate allocation will be made to these contributors in the June 2026 Annual writers' distribution.
- RMIT previously provided 'downloads' per article which we previously used to weight the data. They now provide 'requests' but we have confirmed with them the volumes are the same.
- This distribution will include an additional \$123,000 in deduction adjustments

### Funds for this distribution

	<b>Gross \$m</b>	<b>Admin 16.5%</b>	<b>Cultural Fund 1.5%</b>	<b>Net \$m</b>
Informit Databases	.54	.09	.01	.44
Ebsco	.02	.00	.00	.02
Proquest	.02	.00	.00	.02
Unpaid allocations rolled over	.00	-	-	.00
Deduction adjustment	.12	-	-	.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>.71</b>	<b>.10</b>	<b>.01</b>	<b>.60</b>

## Distribution pools

As in previous years, we have set aside 10% of the licence fees for full-text databases for the Annual Writers Distribution (paid in June 2025).

Pool for	
Journal / Periodical Publishers	90%
Annual Writers Distribution	10%

## Data sources, selection and weighting for publications pool

pool	Data source/s	Criteria for data selection	Weighting
Informit (Jan-Dec24)	Journal titles from RMIT (Informit data) available from Jan to Dec 2024	Titles cleared by CA for inclusion in Informit databases (excluding non-mandated, non-member and author-controlled publications)	Count of 'requests' per title with values adjusted to give a minimum distribution payment of approx. \$100 <sup>1</sup>
Ebsco (Jan-Dec24)	Journal titles from the Ebsco available from Jan to Dec 2024.	Titles cleared by CA for inclusion in the Ebsco database (excluding non-mandated, non-member and author-controlled publications)	Count of downloads per title with values adjusted to give a minimum distribution payment of approx. \$100
Proquest (Jan-Dec24)	Journal titles from the Proquest from January to December 2024.	Titles cleared by CA for inclusion in the Proquest database (excluding non-mandated, non-member and author-controlled publications)	Royalty amount per title converted to notional downloads (or points) with values adjusted to give a minimum distribution payment of approx. \$100

## More information about payments to members

There is more information about payments to members on our website in the [Members>Payments section](#), and the [Members>Fees webpage](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The base minimum payment of \$100 is an aggregate of the three distribution pools. E.g. copies are adjusted only when the total gross amount across all three distribution pools is lower than \$100.