

LICENCE FEES FROM SURVEY PLAN SALES: FEBRUARY 2026 DISTRIBUTION

Background

These licence fees are for the sale of survey plans by state governments and by commercial information brokers authorised by them. The licence fees are based on the number of plans sold in the licence period, and a [determination by the Copyright Tribunal](#) that set a royalty of 12.5% of the sale price.

As of December 2025, all states and territories are covered by the agreement. Licence fees received for Tasmania will be distributed at a later date

Licence arrangements

The governments of NSW and Victoria pay us royalties for our current members. These governments are required, under the statutory licence for governments in the Copyright Act, to notify other rightsholders whose plans they have sold, and come to terms with those rightsholders. They pay us for non-members for a small number of ‘over the counter’ sales, as the plans are provided as reproductions rather than by communication. The distinction derives from the provisions of the government statutory licence, which applies differently to reproductions and communications.

The governments of Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory pay us licence fees for all rightsholders.

NSW, Queensland and South Australia pay licence fees quarterly. Western Australia, ACT, Victoria, the Northern Territory and Tasmania pay annually.

Changes since previous distribution of licence fees

- The Northern Territory agreement is now finalised with licence fees received from 2003 to 2025.
- Included in this distribution is approximately \$100,000 in rollovers (unallocated licence fees from past distributions) and approximately \$130,000 in administrative fee adjustments. ¹
- We have aggregated the data by recipient rather than plan number to reduce the high volume of distribution lines generated for each rightsholder. We can provide a report of the plan numbers used to calculate allocation for rightsholders on request.

Funds for distribution

State	Licence period	\$ Gross (approx)	Admin Fee 14.9%	Cultural Fund 1.5%	\$ Net
ACT	Jul23-Jun24	31,386	4,677	471	26,239
ACT	Jul24-Jun25	31,963	4,762	479	26,721
NSW		461,232	68,724	6,918	385,590
VIC		223,784	33,344	3,357	187,083
SA		76,746	11,435	1,151	64,160
QLD		464,308	69,182	6,965	388,161
WA		303,949	45,288	4,559	254,101

¹ The payment is an adjustment to account for lower actual spending in previous years compared to what had been originally budgeted. In other words, more money was set aside than was actually used, so this payment serves as a correction for that difference

NT		3,633	541	54	3,037
	2003 - 2024	66,500	9,909	998	55,594
Total licence fees		1,663,501	247,862	24,952	1,390,687
Rollovers		100,231	0	0	100,231
Adjustments		130,000	0	0	130,000
Total for distribution		1,893,732	247,862	24,952	1,620,918

Data sources, selection and weighting for publications pool

Data source/s	Criteria for data selection	Weighting
NSW, Victoria and WA survey plan sales from July 2024 to June 2025	All plans for the licensing period where a rightsholder for the plan can be identified. We exclude from distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans owned by non-members Plans owned by the crown or state government owned departments Plans in which copyright has expired 	Count of plan sales per rightsholder for NSW, VIC and WA and count of lodgements for Queensland, South Australia, NT and the ACT.
Queensland and South Australia lodgement data from July 2024 to June 2025		
ACT lodgement data from July 2023 to June 2024		
NT lodgement data up to June 2025.	Registered Surveyor firms in the NT who are CA members.	Equal weighting for all identified firms.

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](#).