

LICENCE FEES FROM UNIVERSITIES: MAY 2026 DISTRIBUTION

Introduction

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

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

Our practice has been to distribute licence fees from the university sector twice a year (universities pay the fees quarterly).

Changes since previous distribution

- Unpaid licence fees held over from previous years (rollovers) will now be distributed in the annual artist and writer distribution.

Funds for distribution

	\$m			Net
	Gross	Admin 14.9%	Cultural Fund 1.5%	
Licence fees invoiced from January to June 2026	13.8	.2	.2	11.5

Distribution pools

	%
Publications (publishers of books, journals, newspapers, websites and writers/illustrators with book shares)	95%
Annual Artists Distribution	3%
Annual Writers Distribution (principally writers in periodicals, collected works)	2%
Total	100%

Amounts set aside for the Annual Distributions for Writers and Artists

The pools for the Annual Artists Distribution and the Annual Writers Distribution are based on analysis of past copying and allocations.

Data sources, selection and weighting

Data source/s	Criteria for data selection	Weighting
Recent survey data from universities	data from 4 universities from April 2025 to November 2025 (not previously used)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total copies per title, as reported in the new survey data, unless more than 40,000 or less than median• If less than median, median applied• If more than 40,000: cap of 40,000 per university faculty
Previous survey data from universities	titles in survey data from April 2020 to March 2025 that are not in the new data (previously used)	Median, based on past survey data

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](#).