

MAKING ENQUIRIES INTO WORKS CURRENTLY REPRODUCED AND GENERATING ROYALTIES



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If a song you have written is included on a CD recording available for sale, you are entitled to a reproduction (or “mechanical”) royalty. If you are an AMCOS member and you have not already received your mechanical royalties in one form or another, AMCOS can, on your behalf, seek to contact the record label or distributor responsible for paying mechanical royalties and enquire about outstanding payments.

You can advise AMCOS about royalty enquiries by completing this form and returning it via post to:

APRA AMCOS
PO Box 6315, Wellesley Street
Auckland 1141

or by emailing the information to amcosnz@apra.co.nz

AMCOS cannot guarantee payment, but we will endeavour to ensure that you are paid any mechanical royalties to which you are entitled.

Before requesting that AMCOS make enquiries into any outstanding royalties, there are some things you should consider:

- **Is Your Recording a Self Release?**
If you’ve recorded and independently released the CD, it is likely that you (or your band) will have the responsibility of paying the composers (i.e. yourself) their mechanical royalties. If this is the case, there is usually no need to involve AMCOS, as many artists prefer to manage their mechanical royalty payments themselves.
- **If you put out a record through a distributor, what was agreed/paid at that time?**
It may be that at the time your CD was distributed, the terms of your deal with the distributor included the payment of mechanical royalties directly to you. If this is the case there is no need to involve AMCOS in any royalty collections.
- **How old is your claim?**
Unfortunately, AMCOS is unable to make enquiries about mechanical royalties on recordings sold over three years ago.
- **Are your works registered with APRA AMCOS?**
AMCOS is only able to make enquiries about the availability of mechanical royalties for AMCOS members on works properly registered with APRA AMCOS.
- **Where was the CD sold?**
While AMCOS membership covers AMCOS territories only, AMCOS can collect mechanical royalties generated overseas as well. AMCOS is affiliated with more than 80 mechanical collection societies around the world. If you have had a recording released in an overseas territory, our affiliated societies are authorised to collect this royalty on your behalf. Please note that any royalty collections by overseas affiliated societies are subject to their agreements with AMCOS. Whilst we will pursue payments due from overseas territories, the process is not quick and we cannot guarantee that payment will be forthcoming.

I have read and accept the terms of APRA AMCOS’ Privacy Policy www.apraamcos.com.au/privacy and consent to the handling of my personal information as described in those terms.

