

# Streaming Safe Music License (SSM) v1.0

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This license is a public license template intended for use by independent music creators who wish to share their music under the same terms.

Any artist may apply this license to their own original works by including the following notice:

Licensed under the Streaming Safe Music License (SSM) v1.0

<https://github.com/Migats/ssm-license>

## Definitions

- **Artist:** The original creator and copyright holder of the music distributed under this license.
- **Music:** Any musical composition, sound recording, or derivative thereof owned by the Artist.
- **Content:** Any livestream, video, remix, post, or other media that includes the Music.
- **Ephemeral Use:** Any usage that remains publicly available for *no longer than 24 hours*.
- **Commercial Use:** Any use that directly generates commercial revenue through the Music itself, such as advertisements, broadcasts, paid promotions, film scores, or retail distribution.
  - Monetized livestreams or online videos (e.g., Twitch Affiliate, YouTube Partner) that use the Music as background or accompaniment are not considered Commercial Use under this License.
- **Authorized User:** A person or organization who has received express written permission from the Artist for extended or special use.

## General Permissions

You are free to:

- Play the Music in livestreams or broadcast if the content qualifies as Ephemeral Use ( $\leq 24$  hours).
- Create non-commercial remixes, edits, or covers, provided that you:
  - Clearly credit the Artist.
  - Release your version for free and under the same compatible license.
  - Do not claim the original Music as your own creations.
- Listen to or share the Music for personal enjoyment.
  - The Artist does not restrict how you listen (e.g. streaming, purchasing, or personal downloads).
  - However, the Artist reserves the right to receive platform-based royalties or payments through legitimate distribution channels.

## Extended Permissions

- Authorized Users may request permission to use the Music in non-ephemeral content (e.g. YouTube videos, archives, or TikTok posts).
- Permission may be granted conditionally, provided that the user:
  - Takes any formal complaint from the Artist seriously and responds within a reasonable timeframe.
  - Removes or edits the content if requested by the Artist.
  - Continues to follow all other terms of this license.

Failure to comply with such a request automatically revokes authorization.

## Radio and Broadcast Use

- Licensed Radio Stations with paid contracts may broadcast the Music in compliance with the Artist's commercial terms.
- If such a broadcaster is later discovered to be operating as a pirate or unlicensed station, any existing contract or permission is immediately voided.
- Legal and reputational actions may follow at the Artist's discretion.

## Remixes and Fan Works

- Non-commercial remixes are permitted if they meet the following:
  - Proper attribution to the Artist.
  - Release for free and not monetized.
  - Upload to platforms that clearly mark the work as a fan remix.
- Commercial remixes, collaborations, or sample-based projects require direct written approval.

## Attribution

- When crediting the Music, including the following (wherever possible):

Music by [Artist Name] - [Track Title]  
Licensed under SSM v1.0 ([link](#))
- If used in a livestream or remix, the credit must be visible in the description or overlay.
- Including the license name or link in the overlay is optional, but it must appear in the stream description or about section if possible.

## Source material requirements

- Artists who release their music under this license must ensure that all samples, loops, vocals, and other audio material included in the Music are original, licensed as royalty free or legally permitted for redistribution under this license.
- Each Artist using this license accepts full responsibility for verifying the legitimacy of their source material.

- Music containing unlicensed, copyrighted, or otherwise infringing samples may not be released under this license.
- If an Authorized User encounters a copyright claim, takedown, strike, or similar issue as a result of trusting the Artist's claim that their Music was clean and properly licensed, the Artist is fully responsible for the issue by:
  - Issue clarification
  - Retracting improper claims
  - Communicating with the claimant
  - or removing/replacing the infringing Music.

## Revocation of Rights

- Any violation of this license, or misuse of the Music, results in automatic revocation of rights granted herein.
- The Artist reserves the right to revoke permission from any Authorized User who does not respond to a formal complaint or who fails to act respectfully toward the Artist's concerns.
- Once revoked, the user must remove the content immediately upon notification.

## Duration of Revisions

- Once the Artist releases their Music under this license, it will remain licensed under the version number stated unless the Artist explicitly re-releases it under a newer version.
  - Listeners, creators, and broadcasters may continue using the work under that version's terms indefinitely.
  - Newer versions of this license do not automatically replace or modify the license applied to previously released Music.
- The Streaming Safe Music license may be updated or clarified by its original author to create new versions.
  - Artists may choose to adopt a newer version at any time.
  - All official versions remain publicly available for reference and transparency.
- This license remains valid until revoked under the terms described in Revocation of Rights
- Updates or replacements of the license text do not invalidate lawful use of the Music previously distributed under older versions.

## Disclaimer

The Music is provided "as is", without warranty of any kind.

The Artist is not responsible for misuse or damages caused by unauthorized or inappropriate use of the Music.

All rights not explicitly granted herein are reserved by the Artist.