

Unlock Your Sound presents...

# Types of Music Royalties — How to collect them all

Everything you need to know about where your royalties come from and how to collect them



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# Did you know...

...that when you record a song that you have created two different copyrights?

The first copyright is the song, the musical work. Some refer to this as the underlying composition.

The second is the recording aka the master(s).

This guide will show you how to collect on both sides.



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# Interactive Streams + Downloads

This refers to streams where the user chooses the song they want listen to, such as on Spotify, Apple Music, TIDAL, and Amazon.

These, and the royalties earned from downloads, are collected by your distributor.



# Performance Rights

Performing Rights Organisations (PROs) issue licences to businesses to use your music. Businesses such as radio stations, shops, bars, live venues, all obtain a blanket license from the PRO in their territory, then the PRO collects and distribute that money to you, the songwriter.



# Digital Performance

This refers to the kinds of streaming services where the user doesn't choose the song. This is also known as 'non-interactive' streaming. E.g. Pandora, Sirius, iHeartRadio.

Collected by SoundExchange.



# Neighbouring Rights

This refers to the rights of the owner(s) of the sound recording (master) when it is played in a public setting.

When a royalty is owed, it is administered by organisations such as PPL in the UK.



# Mechanical Rights

On the composition side, you are entitled to mechanical royalties whenever your song is reproduced physically or digitally. This includes when your song is streamed, downloaded, or pressed onto CD or Vinyl.

These are collected by publishing admin companies or by MCPS in the UK.





# Further Reading

We regularly update this article with the latest on music royalties and collection agencies. Be sure to bookmark the following link.

<https://unlockyoursound.com/music-royalties/>



# Questions?

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