

FAQs: Reprographic reproduction remuneration for professional, scientific and educational books and journals

Due to a system change from 2020, Lira distributes the available reprographic reproduction remuneration to all text authors of all works, including books for professional use and trade journals, scientific books and journals and educational works. We have listed the most frequently asked questions for you.

What should I do to qualify for reprographic reproduction remuneration?

You need to register with Lira first via the portal: <https://portal.lira.nl/reprorecht>. After your registration, you will receive an invitation by email to declare your income from freelance writing.

You will find all instructions on registration in the invitation you receive from us and in our portal (after logging in). Please pay attention to whether to submit your declaration under 'Educational Works' (for primary, secondary or secondary vocational education) or under 'Professional and Scientific Works' (for universities). Authors who wish to declare works in both categories should therefore submit two declarations.

You will find all required instructions in the invitation you receive by email and in our portal that you will see after logging in.

I am already known to Lira. Do I have to register again?

No. This is not necessary, because Lira already has your details. However, we do ask you to inform Lira by e-mail at lira@cedar.nl that you have carried out writing work in the categories professional/scientific/educational. This way you can be sure that we will send you an invitation to submit your declaration.

For which text authors is the reprographic reproduction remuneration intended?

The reprographic reproduction remuneration is intended for all text authors, journalists and translators who have done writing work on a freelance basis.

And also, up to 70 years after the death of the original author: his or her heirs.

Writing work carried out as an employee does not qualify for reprographic reproduction remuneration via Lira.

Which income can or cannot I declare?

You can declare income from freelance writing (excluding VAT) that you received in the relevant year, including fee, royalties, fixed payments, advances and subsidiary rights. Some income does not qualify for reprographic reproduction remuneration and cannot be declared:

- Expenses such as travel and accommodation costs;
- Income from writing as an employee;
- Income from (desk) editorial work;
- Remunerations received from Lira in previous years.

I have carried out writing work without receiving compensation from my publisher. Can I still claim reprographic reproduction remuneration?

Yes. Even if you have not received any compensation (fees and/or royalties) from your publisher, you can still claim reprographic reproduction remuneration. Lira applies maximised standard amounts for this. In the portal you will find an explanation of how to submit a declaration under section 'Number of publications without compensation'.

Which income do I need to declare in which year of declaration?

You can declare the income from freelance writing that you received in the relevant year, excluding VAT.

You need to fill in the income that you received in the year of declaration, as stated on the royalty statement that you received from your publisher in the year of declaration (concerning royalties from previous years). For example: for the declaration for 2020 you need to use the annual statement that your publisher sent you in early 2020. For the declaration for 2021 you need to use the annual statement that your publisher sent you in early 2021.

With invoices, please start from the invoice date: you fill in the invoices that are dated in the year of declaration. For example: you need to include an invoice with invoice date 23 December 2020 in your declaration for 2020.

Please note: if the year of declaration has not come to an end yet and you still expect income later in the year (for example because you receive income based on invoices) please wait until the calendar year following the year of declaration before submitting your declaration.

I am a journalist and have previously received reprographic reproduction remuneration from Lira. What will change for me?

You can register all your (articles in) books and magazines for reprographic reproduction remuneration with Lira. So not only for newspapers and general interest magazines, but also for magazines for professional use (primarily intended for specific business sectors or professions) and scientific journals (journals of an academic level with publications of scientific research, primarily intended for scientific practice, study and research).

Please make sure that you register in the correct category in the portal. Under the tab 'Your Works' you will find the 'Journalistic Works' category for newspapers and general interest magazines and a separate category 'Professional and Scientific Works' for professional and scientific journals and books.

I am an editor. Can I register with Lira and claim reprographic reproduction remuneration?

Editorial work does not qualify for reprographic reproduction remuneration. However, income from substantive writing contributions by editors who are part of a team of others on the basis of an author's contract can be declared.

Which works count towards my reprographic reproduction remuneration?

Reprographic reproduction remunerations collected by the Reprographic Reproduction Rights Foundation ([Stichting Reprorecht](#)) and distributed by Lira relate to published works such as books, newspapers and magazines/journals. All works in all categories must be titles published in the Netherlands by a publisher. It does not matter whether it is a digital (online) version or a paper version of a title.

I am an author as well as a publisher. Can I register?

Yes. In that case, you can register with Lira as an individual author to claim the author's share. You can only declare your income from freelance writing with Lira. If you want to register as a publisher, please contact [Stichting PRO](#).

Can I register my organisation as well?

No. You can only register with Lira as an individual author. Publishers, universities, schools, businesses, law firms or other organisations cannot register. There is only one exception that applies when the author has transferred his own copyrights to his own company, of which he is the sole owner. In addition, the company must focus exclusively on the exploitation of the rights on works that have been written by the author himself. This exception applies to natural persons who are maker in the meaning of the Dutch Copyright Act and therefore not when employer's copyright applies.

I have previously received money from Lira and Lira deducted costs from this amount. Will Lira do this now too?

Yes. Lira is a non-profit foundation. We do everything we can to keep implementation costs as low as possible. To enable the distribution of reprographic reproduction remunerations, Lira will reserve a percentage for administration costs. For the first distribution rounds in 2020, the percentages for professional, scientific and educational reprographic reproduction remunerations have been set at 2.5% (collection year 2018) and 5% (collection year 2019) respectively. For the distribution of collection year 2020 in 2021, a percentage of 8% applies.

Which agreements apply?

Lira distributes the reprographic reproduction remunerations on the basis of [distribution regulations](#). The Distribution Rules for Reprographic Reproduction Rights have been approved by [Stichting Reprorecht](#) and by the [Copyright Supervisory Board](#).

Does Lira also support professional, scientific and educational authors through collective spending?

Yes. Lira is a foundation *for* and *by* authors and aims to improve the economic, social and cultural position of all text makers. To this end, Lira reserves a percentage for spending on social, collective and educational causes through the Lira Foundation ([Lira Fonds](#)). In recent years, the collective funds from reprographic reproduction rights have supported the [Educational Authors](#) section of the Authors' Association and the Educational Pearl (prize for the best lesson). From 2021, Lira Foundation has started the [Scholarship Scheme for Scientific Books](#). The KNAW's [Faces of Science](#) project is also made possible in part by the collective spending via Lira.

Am I eligible for other remunerations via Lira as well?

Possibly. For example, if your book is on loan from public libraries, Lira has a lending right fee available. Private copying fees are also available for contributions to emagazines/journals. More information about the different distributions by Lira can be found here: <https://www.lira.nl/voor-auteurs>.

When can I expect my reprographic reproduction remuneration?

Reprographic reproduction remuneration will typically be paid in the second half of the calendar year after the year of declaration.

Did Lira receive my declaration in good order?

If all went well and you have submitted your declaration correctly, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the details of your declaration. You will receive one e-mail per year of declaration. If you have not received an e-mail with a confirmation, the declaration was not successful. If that is the case, please try again or contact lira@cedar.nl.

Cannot find your question here?

Please read the instructions and the relevant explanation by section in our portal carefully.

Ask your question via the contact form on our portal.

Email your question to lira@cedar.nl.

Ask your question by phone on +31 23 870 0202.