

Copyright Registration

Do I need to register my work with the Copyright Office?

No. In the United States, copyright protection applies automatically as soon as a work is created and fixed in a tangible form, such as on paper or saved electronically. No notice or registration is required for your copyright to be valid.

Are there any advantages to registering my work with the Copyright Office?

How do I register my work?

3. Under "Copyright Registration" on the left side of the screen, choose "Register a New Claim."
4. Complete the information required on each of the screens: Type of Work, Titles, Publication/Completion, Authors, Claimants, Limitation of Claim, Rights & Permissions, Mail Certificate, Special Handling, and Certification. Review your submission and add it to your cart.
5. Pay the fee online with credit/debit card, ACH transfer via Pay.gov, or with a deposit account.

Click Continue on the payment confirmation page. If you have an [acceptable file type](#), choose Upload Deposit to submit your work online. If not, choose Create Shipping Slip to submit a hard copy.

7. After you submit your online application, you will get an email acknowledging receipt.

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After your copyright has been registered, you will receive a certificate from the Copyright Office.

How can I get more information about eCO?

The [eCO Tutorial](#), [eCO FAQ](#), and [eCO Help Desk](#) have details of the registration process.