

German Public Lending Right (PLR) Factsheet

From 7 – 25 June 2021, artists and estates can apply for royalties if their work has been published in Germany, thanks to the partnership between DACS and the German collecting society, **VG Bild-Kunst**.

To be eligible, your work must have featured in a German language book published by a German publisher. You can claim for all types of published artistic works including photography, illustration, caricature, cartoon images, logos, infographics, title design and graphic design.

You can only claim for books published between 2017 and 2020.

If you have claimed before and already provided us with information about books published between 2017 and 2019, you will only need to provide information about work published in 2020.

What types of books can I claim for?

You can apply for works featured in the following types of book. You will need to specify the book type on your form:

- Book type 1: Children and youth literature
- Book type 2: Non-fiction and specialist books*
- Book type 3: Illustrated books, art books, fiction, other books
- Book type 4: School books
- Book type 5: Scientific work*

You can apply for German-language publications, and for uses of scientific works for English-language publications. Publications authored in German and another language or multiple other languages also count as German-language publications.

Books without text (except title, imprint, blurb etc.) are considered as German-language books, if you are able to prove that it has sold at least 1,000 copies in Germany.

The important thing is that the book has been published by a German publisher.

*Please note, if you have authored and illustrated a publication which is classified as one of the following book types: Book Type 5: scientific works or Book Type 2: non-fiction and specialist books, then you will not be able to apply for royalties under this scheme.

What can't I claim for?

Advent Calendars	Flyers	Wrapping paper
App's	Folders	Card games
Blank books	Posters	Leaflets
Booklets	Copy templates	Restaurant menus
Brochures	Music books (sheet music)	Maps
Games	Picture/ flash cards	Stickers
Programme booklets	Playing cards	Photo albums
Cut out sheets	Postage stamps	Trading cards
Desk calendars	Postcards & Invites	Magazines
Diaries/ Pocket calendars	Colouring books	Websites
E-Books	Voucher booklets	

**How to apply:**

To claim, please complete our [German PLR claim form](#) and return it by email to payback@dacs.org.uk by 25 June 2021.

You will need to provide the following information on your form:

- The book title, author, publisher, year of publication (2017-2020 only) and ISBN
- Your total number of photographic works included in each book - differentiating between the number of works inside the book from the number of works on the front cover.
- Your total number of illustrative/other visual works included in each book - differentiating between the number of works inside the book from the number of works on the front cover.
- Whether you have designed the overall graphic design and/or the title design. The books you are applying for must have a print run of at least 250 copies. (VG Bildkunst may request proof of the print run).
- You can apply for a maximum number of 200 artistic works per book.
- *Please note: This scheme is for books only. Magazines and websites are not eligible.*

Further information

Please email us at payback@dacs.org.uk