



Australian Lending Rights

Public Lending Right (PLR) and Educational Lending Right (ELR) are Australian Government programs that compensate Australian creators and publishers in recognition of income lost through free multiple use of their books in public and educational lending libraries. These programs support the enrichment of Australian culture by encouraging the growth and development of Australian writing.

Am I eligible?

Eligible creators are:

- living authors, editors, illustrators, translators and compilers
- Australian citizens, wherever they reside, or non-citizens who permanently reside in Australia (eligibility ceases if residency in Australia ceases)
- those who receive on-going royalties, or financial interest, from the sale of their book.

Eligible publishers are:

- companies whose business consists wholly or substantially of the publication of books and who regularly publish (at least once in the preceding three years) in Australia
- non-profit organisations that publish to further their aims or objectives
- self-publishing creators.

Is my book eligible?

Eligible books have:

- an International Standard Book Number (ISBN)
- been published and offered for sale and claimed within five years from the year of publication
- a catalogue record in the Australian National Bibliographic Database or Schools Catalogue Information Service (SCIS)
- creators are individuals (companies or organisations are not eligible creators)
- no more than five eligible creators.

Closing date for title claims is 31 March each year

New claimant:

- go to <https://lendingrights.arts.gov.au>
- register as a new claimant
- lodge your title claims.

Existing claimant:

- go to <https://lendingrights.arts.gov.au/SignIn>
- sign in using your claimant number and password
- lodge your title claims.

Title claims

Title claims processing

Assessment of eligibility:

- title claims are assessed; new books are assigned a Book Reference Number (BRN).
- new and previously existing eligible books are surveyed.

Annual survey process

Annual book survey

Public Lending Right (PLR):

- book scores are estimated based on a survey of public library data.

Educational Lending Right (ELR):

- book scores are estimated based on a survey of school, university and TAFE library data.

Annual payments

Annual payment calculation

PLR Payment calculations:

- pay amounts are calculated based on estimated book scores from the public library survey.

ELR Payment calculations:

- pay amounts are calculated based on estimated book scores from the educational library survey.

Annual notification and payment

- Claimants are notified by post or email in May each year to advise of book scores and if a payment is due.
- PLR and ELR payments are deposited into the nominated bank account by 30 June each year.

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