



# COPYRIGHTS

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COPYRIGHTS

Copyright simply means that only the Creator of a work (for example a song, story, poem or video) has the right to make copies, unless that Creator extends permission.

Copyright is a form of Immaterial Intellectual Right that is protected by law. This means that Creators of any form of music are legally protected by music copyright. This protection ensures that composers, recording artists, producers, and other creators are recognized and compensated for their work.

## COPYRIGHTS FOR MUSIC RIGHT OWNERS

As a music Creator or a copyright holder, you are entitled to compensation for the public use of your musical works. If your music has been played in public (for example on TV, radio, clubs, or live show), you need to officially register your copyrights in order to be able to collect revenues that are generated.

The fundamental idea of Music Passport is to assist music right owners to officially register their works so they can collect money that their works generate throughout the world.

Music Passport work with international performing rights societies and ARIO African Recording Industry Organisation ([www.africanrio.com](http://www.africanrio.com)) who raise money from music usage and distribute it to those who created the music.

## COPYRIGHTS FOR MUSIC USERS

Individuals who write music and lyrics (authors) are entitled to remuneration when their music is performed in public. As a result, users who play music at the place of business need the author's permission to play music in public. Such permission is obtained via Music Passport and a music license from ARIO African Recording Industry Organisation or the performing right society of the country the music played in.

You are obligated to pay when you play protected music in public.

Music Passport makes it easy for you to play music.

In addition, the Music Passport certifies your tribute to the African music sector, which is an asset and brings you clients to respect and value your action.