

TARIFF

3A

LIVE MUSIC

Licence to play (publicly perform) live music in an eating/drinking establishment (bars, clubs, lounges, cabarets, cafés, dining rooms, etc.)

Quick Facts

Licence period:
one year (Jan. to Dec.)

Annual fee:
3% of annual compensation for entertainment* (\$83.65 min. fee)

Deadline:
Jan. 31 of the licensed year (music licence form and payment)

Music Licence Form:
socan.ca/form/3A

*Compensation for entertainment means the total amounts paid by the licensee to, plus any other compensation received by, musicians, singers, and all other performers, for entertainment of which live music forms part. Other compensation may include tips and gratuities paid to the performers directly by patrons, and any in-kind contributions (i.e. the market value of meals, drinks, transportation, accommodation, etc.) given to performers by the licensee.

Licence fee calculation

The licence fee calculation is based on the previous year's actual compensation for live music or an estimate for the licensed year.

EXAMPLE 1:

In 2010, Bob's Bistro paid \$1,000 to performers for live entertainment, as well as \$500 in in-kind contributions for performers' meals and drinks.

Fee: $(\$1,000 + \$500) \times 3\% = \$45$. The bistro's 2011 licence fee is \$83.65 + taxes (min. fee)

EXAMPLE 2:

In 2011, Bistro ABC paid a licence fee of \$83.65 + taxes (min. fee). They then sent in an adjusted actual 2011 report at the end of the year showing that they paid a total of \$5,000 for live music. A balance will be owed for 2011 (based on the increase), and the 2012 fees will be calculated using the adjusted 2011 actual.

Fee: $(\$5,000 \times 3\%) = \150 . The 2012 licence fee is \$150 + taxes.

Calculate your licence: socan.ca/calculator/3A

If you have any additional music uses, please contact SOCAN or try the Licence Finder at socan.ca

Other tariffs that may apply:

15A (background music in your venue, retail store, etc.)

15B (music on hold over the phone)

18 (dance floor or similar setting)

8 (single event with or without dancing)

20 (karaoke)

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Current licensees: 1.866.944.6223
New licensees: 1.866.944.6210
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