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UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY



WHAT IS THE NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY?

The National Rights Registry (nrr.copyright.go.ke) is one of a four-part ICT System the others being a licensing/collection module, distribution module and media monitoring module.

The National Rights Registry is a national central database containing details relating to copyright works of artists, producers, composers, performers and any other related rights. It is a single source of information for all creative content and right holders in Kenya as required by the Copyright Act.

CMO MODULES LINKED TO NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY

The CMO system has got 3 modules which are:

- Licensing system
- Media monitoring system and,
- Distribution system

WHO CAN REGISTER COPYRIGHT ON THE KENYA NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY (NRR)

Anybody who owns copyright or has participated in production of a copyright work such as authors, composers, producers, performers or anyone to whom rights have been assigned or licensed by the original owner.

WHAT WORKS CAN BE UPLOADED INTO THE NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY (NRR)?

All the works covered by copyright can be uploaded using the ICT system. These works include:

- Sound recordings
- Literary works e.g. publications, novels, poems, plays, film scripts, articles, lyrics and sheet music
- Computer programs and databases
- Artistic works such as paintings, drawings, photographs, graphics and sculpture
- Architectural works
- Films and audio-visual works.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT?

- Acts as a public record of authors/owners.
- The certificate of registration acts as evidence of ownership

of copyright in a court of law in case of a dispute pushing burden of proof to the other side.

- The certificate of registration may be used as collateral in a bank or any other lending institution in case one wants to borrow funds.
- It makes it easy to commercialize copyright i.e. in case of licensing or assignment.
- It makes it easy for IP auditors and or valuers to identify the different IP rights owned by a corporate.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE KENYA NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY & ROYALTY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

The system is beneficial in the following ways:

- a. Set up for any rights holders to upload their works and recognize anyone who participated in making the work including their respective royalty share ratio;
- b. It is designed for seamless collection of royalties from music users. Payment of the CMO license can be done through the royalty collection module using *553# or <http://kpmlicensing.co.ke/>
- c. Creates a monitoring system which allows for payment of royalties to artists based on the use of the work;
- d. Includes a distribution module for quick payment of royalties that have been received and generates a statement for the beneficiary;
- e. Establishes control over the Collective Management Organization (CMO) administrative costs and enables monitoring by relevant government entities;
- f. Enables artists to join the tax bracket by way of managing their tax deductions, and
- g. Upon registration in the NRR a member will obtain access credentials that will allow him/her to access their works and copies of certificates on demand.

WHAT DO YOU NEED BEFORE CREATING AN ACCOUNT WITH NATIONAL RIGHTS REGISTRY (NRR)?

- A mobile phone number where an activation code will be sent.
- Valid National ID Number
- KRA PIN for individual or corporates.
- Business registration number if opening a corporate account.

- A valid email account.
- You will also need to read and agree to the Terms & Conditions and the privacy policy.
Only after you enter these details can you start registering your work.

HOW DO YOU REGISTER YOUR COPYRIGHT?

- Go to nrr.copyright.go.ke using your desktop computer, laptop or your smart phone;
- create an account and then upload your work. You can either create an individual account or a corporate account.
- Receive a validation code
- Enter the code and complete the account creation process
- Log in and proceed with the registration as indicated below

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT

Step 1

You will be required to fill the primary details of the copyright owner. These are the details that will be used to generate the copyright certificate.

Step 2

This is the stage where you will enter details regarding the copyright work you intend to register in the system. They include copyright category, Sub category, Title of the work, genre, Language label and date released among other details. It is also at this stage where you upload the work.

Step 3

At this stage, you will be required to input the details of the person who owns the copyright.

You will be required to fill in the details of the author/ authors. You will also be required to assign them their percentage of ownership of the work.

Step 4

At this stage, you will be required to upload any supporting document you may have that can show ownership of this work. For instance, if there is a contract with another party on the use of the work or if there is a licence certificate among other things. If you do not have such documents, you may leave that stage and proceed to the final stage.

Step 5

This stage gives you the opportunity to review what you have captured

in your application and amend if necessary. If you don't wish to amend, it is at this stage that you click the 'register copyright' button which completes the process. You will be notified whether the process has been complete and to await a certificate.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE NRR SYSTEM

The NRR system gives copyright holders the opportunity to make amendments or changes to their registered works, access their work from the portal, print and re-print their certificate at any time from their portal. An applicant can also leave their incomplete application on their platform and revert later on to complete the registration process.

FEES

The fees for copyright registration of various works have been waived temporarily. However, when reintroduced, it will be friendly and affordable and will depend on the nature of the copyright works as provided in the second schedule of the copyright regulations 2020 (<https://copyright.go.ke/downloads/download/4-copyright-act/178-copyright-regulations-2020.html>).

HOW WILL ROYALTIES BE CALCULATED AND PAID FOR IN THE ROYALTY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

Once a rights holder has uploaded their works in the NRR database, the use of the works will be monitored by the Monitoring system. The data is generated by the system will be used to calculate royalties on the amount due and payable by the media and related uses for that calendar period.

SEARCH CAPABILITY

Any person can conduct a search for other copyright works by simply typing the title of the work or the owner on nrr.copyright.go.ke under the field indicated 'search copyright databases. You will get results relating to the ownership/authorship of the work in question, date of copyright registration and other relevant information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SEGMENT

This function is available at the bottom of the homepage nrr.copyright.go.ke. Alternatively, a user can access them via <https://nrr.copyright.go.ke/faq>. Some of the information covered in the FAQs includes an overview of the National Rights Registry as well as a guide to the registration of different categories of works.

The Kenya Copyright Board Staff offer support services if applicants face challenges during registration. An applicant can send an email to nrr@copyright.go.ke. Applicants can also send inquiries via KECOBO's social media pages for instance twitter: @KenyaCopyright, Facebook: Kenya Copyright Board and Instagram: Kenya Copyright Board.

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