

Copyright Registration Guide

Legal

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Get a guide to registering a work with the Copyright Office — the work category, the step-by-step process and forms, documents needed, and the author-versus-owner rules. Fill in the details below.

Purpose of this tool & output

Register a work with the Copyright Office

How the output is used

Use it to register a work with the Copyright Office — the application to record your copyright in a literary, artistic, musical or software work.

Who receives it

The application is filed with the Copyright Office (Registrar of Copyrights) under the Copyright Act.

How to submit / file it

File the application with the work, statement of particulars and a no-objection where relevant; there is a mandatory waiting period for objections before registration.

Fees & charges

A per-work government fee by category; professional fees are extra where an agent files it.

Who should vet it

An IP attorney, to file the correct category, particulars and respond to any objection before registration.

Important cautions

AI-generated guide; registration is evidentiary (copyright exists on creation).

Companion documents

- IP & Trademark Status Tracker
- Trademark Class Finder
- Trademark Search Strategy
- TM Examination Reply Drafter
- Patent Provisional Spec Outline
- Design Registration Guide

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