



# U.S. Copyright Registration Process

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1. Visit the United States Copyright Office website, [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov) and login through their eCO system.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to register your work electronically and pay the \$35.<sup>00</sup> registration fee.
3. Send the appropriate number of copies of your work to the Library of Congress.

Library of Congress  
Copyright Office  
101 Independence Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000

*With Paper:*

1. Obtain the proper form (TX-Literature {including computer programs and databases}, VA-Visual Arts, PA-Performing Arts, SR-Sound Recording, or SE-Serials/Periodicals) from the United States Copyright Office [www.copyright.gov/registration](http://www.copyright.gov/registration)
2. Send the completed form, along with the \$65.<sup>00</sup> registration fee and one or more (see below) non-returnable copy/copies of the work to:
3. For an unpublished work, only one complete copy is required. If the work is/has been published, then two complete copies are needed. If the work is a computer program, then one printed copy of a) the first twenty-five and b) the last twenty-five pages of source code, together with the page containing the copyright notice are required. For further information on this, please visit [www.copyright.gov/register](http://www.copyright.gov/register).

After submitting your work's registration, you will receive a certificate of registration in the mail. This may take anywhere up to six months.

