

Registration Form



BECS

British Equity Collecting Society

By completing this form you are applying to become a member of British Equity Collecting Society Limited (BECS).

Members of BECS are 'Performers' and appoint BECS to act as their sole and exclusive agent to collect, distribute and administer 'Performers' Remuneration' on the terms set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of BECS (see the website or send a large stamped addressed envelope to the address below for a copy of the Memorandum and Articles).

'Performers' Remuneration' is defined and covers any income or remuneration arising or payable to Performers from:

- The rental right;
- Any blank tape or other levies on copying media or devices;
- The cable retransmission of programmes incorporating their performance;
- Any other right of a similar collective character which the Board of Management resolves should fall to be collected by BECS.

The Board of Management has resolved that BECS may act as collection agent for fees collectively negotiated by Equity which are to be distributed to Performers. Members accept a liability of £1 if BECS is dissolved.

I confirm the following information for my application (please note Data Protection Statement overleaf):

Name	Date of Birth
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Professional/Equity Name (if different to legal name)
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Equity number (where applicable)	VAT number (where applicable)
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Address

_____ Post Code _____

Telephone No	Email
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BECS will pay any money that is not linked to contracted terms to you, your agent or your representative. Please indicate how you wish to be paid by ticking the appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/> Direct to me	or	<input type="checkbox"/> To my agent/representative
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Any payments administered by BECS that are linked to contracted terms will be paid according to contract. Please specify the name of your agent:

Name of Agent/Representative: _____
Address _____
_____ Post Code _____

I wish to become a Member of BECS and agree to the terms of membership in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of BECS.

Signature	Date
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**Please complete and return this form to our Freepost address (no stamp required):
Freepost RSJC-HLKU-LSUE, British Equity Collecting Society, London WC2H 9EG
T 020 7670 0350 E becs@equity.org.uk**

Guide for members

Data Protection Statement

BECS takes the privacy of its members extremely seriously. Your personal data is held securely and is only accessible to authorised personnel.

BECS Privacy Policy sets out the way in which personal data may be held and used in BECS providing its services. The Policy will be posted on BECS' website at www.equitycollecting.org.uk and may be updated from time to time.

In order to ensure that appropriate revenues are collected and correctly allocated and so that we can provide you with a better service, limited personal data relating to you and (if appropriate) your agent, is shared with trusted, relevant third parties. Third parties include Equity, the operators of performers' databases, other collecting societies with which BECS enters into reciprocal agreements, and broadcasters and other organisations from whom payments are collected on behalf of members and performers. Some of these third parties may be located outside the EU.

By supplying your email address you agree to BECS communicating with you by email generally. BECS may contact you by email from time to time in order to verify work or check personal details, for example. Please tick here if you do not want us to do this:

What is BECS?

BECS stands for British Equity Collecting Society Limited. The Society is the only UK collective management organisation for the rights of audio-visual performers. Founded in 1998 by the performers' union Equity, its primary role is to collect, distribute and administer remuneration due to performers under statute, or paid to BECS on a collective basis for the benefit of performers.

BECS enforces the statutory rights of performers in the UK and collects revenue from the exploitation of these and other rights from the UK and overseas.

Why should I sign up to BECS?

Individual performers find it difficult (or impossible) to access monies arising from statutory rights, especially from overseas. By acting on behalf of a large body of performers, BECS is able to enter into agreements which ensure that monies that might otherwise not be identified are collected and paid out to performers. The more performers who join BECS, the more it will strengthen BECS' position to get the best deal for UK performers and keep costs down through administrative savings.

How do I qualify for membership?

You will need to be a Performer and at least one of your performances will need to have been recorded on film or audio-visually.

Why do I have to sign as an individual member?

Your statutory rights belong to you. Therefore you (and not any agent on your behalf) need to authorise BECS to collect money on your behalf from the exercise of your statutory rights.

The executor of a performer's estate can sign up on behalf of a deceased performer, but supporting documents will be required by BECS.

What if I am already a member of a collecting society?

Different collecting societies administer different rights. If you are already a member of a foreign collecting society you can still apply for BECS membership. Different societies have different forms of membership and different relationships with other societies. If there is a conflict between mandates, this can be dealt with by negotiation between the societies involved. In the end it is entirely up to you to appoint whichever collecting society you see fit to collect and administer your rights.

Do I have to pay to join BECS?

No. There are no membership fees payable. The Board of BECS determines the administration charge to be made by BECS to cover its collection and distribution costs. Where commission rates are charged these will be clearly specified on statements.

Further Information

BECS' website at www.equitycollecting.org.uk provides further information about our work and membership.

BECS can also be contacted at Guild House, Upper St Martin's Lane, London WC2H 9EG.

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