

# Registration Form

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

**The Articles of Association of BECS set out the objects and functions of BECS and Members accept the objects and functions upon becoming a Member.**

'Performers' Remuneration' is defined within the Articles of Association of BECS 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 agreed right of Performers where any right to collect remuneration is of a similar statutory collective nature and may only be exercised through a collecting society or a Collective Management Organisation (CMO). The Members of BECS may agree that such remuneration should fall to be collected by BECS and be paid to BECS (either under representation agreements entered into between BECS and other CMOs or under licences issued by or on behalf of BECS). The Supervisory Committee (recognised in the Articles of Association) may oversee this process for the Members.

Members agree that, secondary to acting as a CMO, BECS may provide services in the capacity of a distribution agent to third parties. Such services may provide for and support the collection of monies and subsequent processing and payment to nominated payees in accordance with the instructions of principals who appoint BECS to act as appointed distribution agent ('contracted terms').

Members accept a liability of £1 if BECS is dissolved.

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
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<b>Professional/Equity Name</b> <small>(if different to legal name)</small>
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<b>Equity number</b> <small>(where applicable)</small>	<b>VAT number</b> <small>(where applicable)</small>
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<b>Address</b> _____ _____	<b>Post Code</b> _____
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<b>Telephone No</b>	<b>Email</b>
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BECS will pay any performers' remuneration or money that is not linked to contracted terms (a) to you directly, or (b) to your agent/representative, or (c) into your Equity Pension Scheme. Please indicate how you wish to be paid by ticking the appropriate box below:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Direct to me</b>	or	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>To my agent/representative</b>	or	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Into my Equity Pension Fund</b>	<b>My EPS Number is P5</b> _____ <b>A</b>
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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:

<p><b>Name of Agent/Representative:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Address</b> _____</p> <p>_____ <b>Post Code</b> _____</p>
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I wish to become a Member of BECS and confirm:

- ❖ that I am a Performer/Performer Heir meeting the Membership Criteria of BECS within the definitions provided by the Articles of Association of BECS
- ❖ that I shall abide by the terms applicable to Membership of BECS whilst I remain in Membership.

<p><b>Signed</b></p>
<p><b>Date</b></p>

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@equitycollecting.org.uk](mailto:becs@equitycollecting.org.uk)**

**[www.equitycollecting.org.uk](http://www.equitycollecting.org.uk)**

# Guide for members

## Data Protection Statement

BECS takes the privacy of its Members extremely seriously. 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](http://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 of collective management organisations with which BECS enters into representation 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. This may include BECS contacting you by email from time to time in order to verify work or check personal details. Any personal data that you send to BECS by email will be processed in accordance with the BECS Privacy Policy referred to above.**

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 or a Performer heir who holds or is entitled to represent the rights of a performer when at least one of the performances of a relevant performer has been, or is reasonably expected to be broadcast or recorded and fixed for subsequent audio or visual or audio-visual use.

## 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 heir (Performer Heir) 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.

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### Further Information

BECS' website at [www.equitycollecting.org.uk](http://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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