

PERFORMER HEIR / BENEFICIARY REGISTRATION FORM



By completing this form you are applying to become a member of BECS as a Performer Heir.

Members appoint BECS to collect, distribute and administer **Performers' Remuneration** on the terms set out in the Articles of Association of BECS (please refer to BECS' website). **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.** Please see further notes overleaf.

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

Data Protection Statement

BECS takes the privacy of its Members very seriously. Personal data is held securely and is only accessible to authorised personnel. BECS will contact you wherever necessary in the legitimate fulfilment of our obligations to you as a member e.g. to resolve queries regarding work, to provide payment information, etc. BECS' Privacy Policy (available on our website: www.becs.org.uk) sets out the way personal data may be held and used in providing our services, and may be updated from time to time.

I confirm the following information for my application as a Performer Heir / Beneficiary

Name of Beneficiary

Professional Name
of Performer

Deceased Member's BECS reference

Beneficiary's Residential Address

Post Code

Email

Tel No

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. Please indicate how you wish to be paid by ticking the appropriate box below:

Direct to me

or

To a Third Party (e.g. solicitor / charity)

Please provide details of Third Party:

Name of Third Party

Address

Post Code

Payee Bank Account Number

Sort Code

I wish to become a Member of BECS and confirm:

- that I am a Performer Heir meeting the Membership Criteria of BECS within the definitions provided by BECS' Articles of Association,
- that I have read the notes overleaf and shall abide by the terms applicable to Membership of BECS whilst I remain in Membership,
- that I agree to BECS communicating directly by email, telephone or post for all matters relating to membership and mandate with BECS and the fulfilment thereof.

Signed

Date

Please complete and return this form to our
Freepost address (no stamp required):

FREEPOST BECS LTD.
British Equity Collecting Society, London EC1N 8RU

Contact details for any questions:

T 020 3946 7800
E info@becs.org.uk
W www.becs.org.uk

'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').

GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

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. 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.

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 administer your rights and collect money on your behalf from the exercise of these statutory rights.

Can I join more than one 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.

Mandate conflicts will arise where you have signed a worldwide/regional mandate with more than one CMO. This could result in monies being held up at the originating society. It is entirely up to you to appoint whichever collecting society you see fit to collect and administer your rights. Should you require further information regarding this, please contact us.

Do I have to pay to join BECS?

No. There are no membership fees payable. The Board of BECS and the Supervisory Committee 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.

How do I qualify for membership?

You will need to be a Performer / Performer's beneficiary with at least one performance which has been, or is reasonably expected to be broadcast or recorded and fixed for subsequent visual or audio-visual use.

Further Information

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

BECS can also be contacted at **Plouviez House, 19-20 Hatton Place, London EC1N 8RU**

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