



HOW TO COMPLETE THE 2026 **PAYBACK FOR WRITERS** CLAIM FORM

Step 1 – Get organized

To save time filling out the online Payback claim form, we suggest you get organized by listing all of the works you've had published in print format and for which you retain copyright over the last 20 years (2005-2024).

Next, you will need to enter the total number of works and the total number of pages per eligible year per category (books, magazines, journals and newspapers).

Bibliographic details, such as ISBN/ISSN and title, are not required unless you are audited. Digital/online works are not eligible. Our [FAQ](#) has more information on which works are eligible for Payback.

If you have submitted a claim previously, you only need to enter your 2024 totals (if any). If you do not have new works to submit, you don't need to do anything further. The data you've previously submitted is retained in our system and will be used to calculate your 2026 Payback payment.

Step 2 – Log in

1. Go to www.accesscopyright.ca and click on the **Payback** link under the Creators drop-down menu on our home page. The Creator Portal [login link](#) is on the right-hand side of the page.
2. Type in your username and password to log in.

You can retrieve your username by clicking on the "Forgot your username" link on the Creator Portal login page and entering your email address. An email will automatically be sent to you with your username.

If you cannot remember your password, click on the "Forgot your password" link located on the Creator Portal login page. Enter your username and email address. A link to reset your password will be sent to the email address we have for you on file.

3. Click on the Payback tab on the left-hand side of the screen.
4. If this is the first time this year that you have logged into Payback, please take the time to review your contact information and select "Confirm". If you need to update your information, please select the Edit Profile button and make any changes before clicking "Confirm".

Step 3 – Complete the online claim form

1. Select the “Writer” tab.
2. Click on each applicable category (books, magazines, journals and newspapers) to enter your totals per year. If you submitted data previously, you are only required to enter your totals for 2024 (if any). If you need to make any changes to your previous submission, click on “Change Form” at the bottom of the page. Print and complete the Change Form and return a signed copy with your changes to us by mail or scan and email a copy to us by May 31st.
3. When completing each category, select the “Save” button next to the category or the “Save All” button at the top of the page.
4. If you cannot complete your claim form in a single session, you may select “Save All” and return to complete the form at a later time. Please note: The online claim form will close at midnight EDT on May 31st.
5. Once you have completed and saved all applicable categories, click “Review and Submit.” You will then be directed to a summary page to review your claim before submitting.
6. If you’ve made an error, you can edit your submission by selecting the “Edit” button.
7. If your information is correct, click the **“Go to Submit”** button. **Please note: If you are also submitting a Visual Artist claim form, you must complete each applicable section under the Visual Artist tab and select “Save All” before you hit the Submit Button.**
8. Please read ALL information on the “Submit” page and be sure to click BOTH boxes under “Terms and Conditions.” **IMPORTANT: You must select both boxes and click “Submit” before your claim can be received by Access Copyright.**
9. Click the “Submit” button to send your Payback claim. After clicking “Submit,” you will see a message confirming your Payback claim has been received. Once the information has been submitted it cannot be edited online. Please print a copy of your submission for your records.