

PUBLISHING 11 - COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES STANDARD PUBLISHING RATES

**FOR ATLASES WITH A PRINT RUN GREATER THAN 2000 COPIES SEE PUBLISHING 12.
FOR FLAT MAPS AND ALL OTHER PUBLICATIONS WITH A PRINT RUN GREATER THAN 2000
COPIES SEE PUBLISHING 13. (PLEASE NOTE: THE RATES OUTLINED IN PUBLISHING 12 AND 13
DO NOT APPLY IF ADVERTISING IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PUBLICATION).**

Copyright Royalty Rates Effective from 1st April 2026

You need a Publishing Permit to publish Land & Property Services (LPS)/Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland® (OSNI®) branded Intellectual Property (IP). See Publishing 1 Application Form that includes Guidance Notes.

The rates shown below apply in all cases regardless of whether the publication is sold at a price or is free.

Our minimum charge for the issuing of a Publishing Permit is £60.30 + VAT*

Categories of Copying

Category A

This category covers from exact copies of LPS/OSNI branded mapping (in whole or in part), to a redrawn or derived copy, which uses 3 or more components as defined in Publishing 1.

Category B

This category covers maps which use less than 3 components as defined in Publishing 1.

The table below shows the Copyright Royalty rates, in pence per square centimetre, for each map within your publication. **These rates do not include VAT.**

Category	Pence per Square Centimetre
A	0.0311 of a penny
B	0.0106 of a penny

For each print run of the publication containing the map(s), discounts on the above rates will apply as shown below.

No of LPS/OSNI based map pages	Discount to be applied
0-500	0%
501-1000	10%
1001-2000	20% (maximum discount if advertising is included)
2001+	Please refer to Publishing 12

Notes

To find out the Copyright charge, measure the area of your finished map size for each map in sq centimetres and, using the correct category, multiply the appropriate charge (A or B) shown above by the area in sq cm and by the number of copies. Apply discount, if any, based on the print run.

For example: You wish to publish 2 map illustrations in a book. The first map is 200 sq centimetres; the second is 180 sq cm. Map1 is essentially unchanged in design and content from the LPS/OSNI branded original. Map2 is a simplified and amended version containing less than 3 components of our original IP. Your proposed print run of the book is 1500.

For Map1 Category A applies, i.e. $0.0311 \text{ pence per sq cm} \times 200 \text{ sq cm} \times 1500 = 9330 \text{ pence}$, less 20% discount = 7464 pence, divided by 100 to convert to pounds = £74.64
Royalty due will be £74.64 +VAT

For Map2 Category B applies, i.e. $0.0106 \text{ pence per sq cm} \times 180 \text{ sq cm} \times 1500 = 2862 \text{ pence}$, less 20% discount = 2290 pence, divided by 100 to convert to pounds = £22.90
Royalty due will be £60.30 +VAT

- LPS will not charge you for maps derived and redrawn at a scale of 1:1,000,000 or smaller but the copyright acknowledgement must be shown.
- Areas of sea not mapped by LPS will be excluded when calculating the area to be charged for the purpose of Royalties due.
- Where royalty calculation is less than the minimum charge for issuing the permit minimum charge will apply; Where the Royalty calculation exceeds the minimum charge you will only be charged the royalty fee due
- Rates apply to copies printed from 1st April 2026. These rates may be revised from 1st April 2027. Copies printed after this date may attract different Royalty charges.
- For publications, which are supported by advertising, the maximum discount will be 20% off the Standard Publishing Rates.
- VAT is charged at the rate prevailing on the date of the invoice.

If you need assistance e-mail: copyright@finance-ni.gov.uk