

PUBLISHING 12 - COMMERCIAL COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES PUBLISHING RATES FOR ATLASES WITHOUT ADVERTISING

FOR COMMERCIAL FLAT MAP PUBLICATIONS SEE PUBLISHING 13. PLEASE NOTE: A PRINT RUN OF LESS THAN 2001 ATLASES WILL BE CHARGED AT OUR STANDARD PUBLISHING RATES, PLEASE SEE PUBLISHING 11.

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 Publishing Application form that includes the Guidance Notes.

The rates shown below apply:

- When LPS/OSNI branded IP is used in publications which are entirely or substantially Atlases, ie. where there are multiple pages of mapping constituting the major part of the publication; and
- 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

To qualify for our commercial rates you must be publishing a Road Atlas or an Atlas of Street Map(s), which is not supported by advertising and falls into the print run category shown below. Where advertising supports your product please refer to our Standard Publishing Rates on Publishing 11. The product you derive from LPS/OSNI branded IP must be redrawn to your own specification and must not resemble LPS/OSNI branded IP LPS will require a draft of your proposed cartographical style. We will require verification of the print run number from your printer before we apply the commercial rates.

The charge categories are based on print runs.

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

Print Run	Pence per Square Centimetre
2001-4000 Atlases	0.0083 of a penny
4001 + Atlases	0.0057 of a penny

For each print run of the publication, discounts on the above rates will apply as shown on next page.

No of LPS/OSNI based map pages	Discount to be applied
101 - 150	15%
151 - 200	30%
200+	40%

Atlases of all of Northern Ireland will be assessed using the actual land area. Other Atlases will accrue a 10% discount to account for overlaps.

Notes

To find out the Copyright charge, measure the area of your finished map page size in sq centimetres and using the correct category multiply the charge shown by the total number of map pages based on LPS/OSNI branded IP and the number of copies made. Apply discount, if any, based on the LPS/OSNI branded map pages.

For example: You wish to publish an A4 size (625 sq cm) Atlas of 200 LPS/OSNI branded map pages with a print run of 4000 copies.

625 sq cm x 200 pages x 0.0083 = 1038 pence per atlas less 30% discount = 727 pence per atlas, divided by 100 to convert into pounds = £7.27 + VAT per atlas

- 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 determining the Royalties due.
- Rates apply to copies printed from 1st April 2026.
- These rates will be reviewed from 1st April 2027. Copies printed after this date may attract different royalty charges.
- VAT is charged at the rate prevailing on the date of the invoice.
- For publications which are supported by advertising the maximum discount will be 20% off the standard rates.

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