

## PUBLISHING 13 - COMMERCIAL COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES PUBLISHING RATES FOR FLAT MAPS - WITHOUT ADVERTISING

**FOR COMMERCIAL ATLAS PUBLICATIONS PLEASE SEE PUBLISHING 12**  
**PLEASE NOTE: A PRINT RUN OF LESS THAN 2001 FLAT MAPS 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 Application Form that includes Guidance Notes.

- The rates shown below apply:
- When LPS/OSNI branded IP is used in Flat or Folded Maps etc. where the publication is clearly primarily a map; 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 your publication **must not be supported by advertising** and must fall into the print run category shown below. Where advertising supports your publication please refer to our Standard Publishing Rates on Publishing 11. The publication 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 that you publish. **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

**Flat maps of all of Northern Ireland will be assessed using the actual land area.**

## 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 charge shown by the area and the number of copies made.

**For example:** You wish to publish an A2 size (2,494.8 sq cm) Flat Map with a print run of 4,500 copies,

$2494.8 \text{ sq cm} \times 0.0057 = 14.22 \text{ pence per copy} \times 4500 = 63992 \text{ pence}$ , divided by 100 to convert into pounds = £639.92 + 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 determining the Royalties due.
- Rates apply to copies printed from 1st April 2026
- These rates will be revised 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 of assistance e-mail [copyright@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:copyright@finance-ni.gov.uk)