

## **BPI (British Recorded Music Industry) Limited** **Application for membership 2012**

The British Phonographic Industry Limited (the BPI) is a non-profit-making association set up by record companies and companies carrying on associated trades in the United Kingdom, to provide members with a convenient means to discuss matters of common interest between themselves and to provide a medium to represent the British record industry in negotiations with Government departments, relevant trade unions and other interested parties, and generally to promote and protect the welfare and interests of the British record industry, including the taking of all action which the association may consider necessary on behalf of members of the association.

The BPI endeavours to give practical assistance to all its members, but cannot undertake to provide legal and related services to an individual member company.

The BPI is a limited company, limited by guarantee, which effectively means that each member - in addition to paying an annual subscription - guarantees the BPI's liabilities up to a maximum of £1.

### **FULL MEMBERSHIP**

Full membership is open to all UK record companies that own or exclusively license UK sound recording copyrights. Companies that are not controlled by one of the major record companies can join as separate independent members. The annual subscription for independent members is £67.50 plus VAT = £81.00 (normally £75 plus VAT but we are offering 10% discount in 2012 ) plus 5% of PPL UK distribution payments. The annual subscription for independent members who are not PPL members is also £67.50 plus VAT = £81.00.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Companies that do not own or exclusively license UK sound recording copyrights are not eligible for full membership but can join as associate members. Associate members obtain the same benefits as full members but are not allowed to put forward candidates for election to the BPI Council or vote at the AGM. The annual subscription for associate members is currently £500 plus VAT = £600.00.

<b>1. Members of the BPI are required to carry on business in the United Kingdom. Please provide the company name and main address.</b>
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Company: .....

Address: .....

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Tel: ..... Fax: ..... Website: .....

Please provide the names of two of your company directors:

1. ....

2. ....

Please confirm the name of your parent company or main shareholders:

1. ....

2. ....

Please provide contact details:-

**MAIN CONTACT**

Name: .....

Position: .....

Email: .....

We prefer to communicate with you digitally and hope you will support the BPI in this more practical, modern, environmentally responsible and cost-effective way.

Tick here if you do **not** wish BPI to provide formal documents and information (e.g. notice of AGM) to you by e-mail.

Tick here if you do **not** wish BPI to provide formal documents and information (e.g. financial reports and accounts) to you by posting them on the BPI website.

**2. Do you own or exclusively license sound recording copyrights in the United Kingdom?**

Yes  No

**PLEASE NOTE** – Companies are only entitled to become **full** members if they own or exclusively license sound recording copyrights in the UK. This is extremely important as it affects our anti-piracy work. Companies that do **not** own or exclusively license sound recording copyrights in the UK (or intend to do so), must join as **associate** members.

**3. Are you a member of PPL?**

Yes  No  If yes, please provide your PPL membership number: .....

**4. Member's Covenant and Code of Conduct**

We have read, understood and will fully comply with the Member's Covenant and Code of Conduct. Please tick to confirm.

We hereby apply for membership of The British Phonographic Industry Limited and if our application is accepted we hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the BPI as contained in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, or otherwise decided upon by the BPI Council.

We agree to pay an annual subscription to BPI where due. We acknowledge that the annual subscription for independent members is set by the BPI Council, and is currently £67.50 plus VAT = £81.00 plus 5% of PPL UK distribution payments for PPL members, and £67.50 plus VAT = £81.00 for non-PPL members.

**PPL AUTHORISATION (INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ONLY)**

By signing this application form, we hereby authorise Phonographic Performance Limited ("PPL") as follows:

1. In any given year, to deduct from any and all PPL UK distribution payments due to be paid to us in that year under the PPL Assignment of Rights and Agency Appointment (or Members' Assignment) (our "PPL Payments") whatever percentage (plus VAT) the BPI Council may specify from time to time (the "BPI Percentage"); and
2. To pay the BPI Percentage to the BPI in partial satisfaction of our BPI annual subscription for that year.

We further confirm that:

- (a) the above authorisation shall cover the deduction of the BPI Percentage (and its payment to the BPI) from any PPL Payments due to be paid to us in the relevant year, regardless of the period to which such PPL Payments relate; and
- (b) that the deduction of the BPI Percentage will be made from any PPL Payments subsequent to the date of this authority in any year that we are or have been a member of BPI.

For the avoidance of doubt, if we do not belong to PPL at the date of signing this form but subsequently join PPL, we hereby confirm that the above authorisation shall automatically apply in full upon our joining PPL.

Signed: ..... Print name: .....

On behalf of (company name): ..... Date: .....

**CHEQUE TO BPI LTD ATTACHED:**  FULL MEMBER - £81.00 (incl. VAT)  ASSOCIATE MEMBER - £600.00 (incl. VAT)

**PAID ONLINE VIA BPI WEBSITE:**  FULL MEMBER - £81.00 (incl. VAT)  ASSOCIATE MEMBER - £600.00 (incl. VAT)

**For office use only:**

Your application is subject to endorsement by two BPI members. We shall notify you if this application is not confirmed.

Signed: ..... Signed: .....

Print name: ..... Print name: .....

Company name: ..... Company name: .....

Date: ..... Date: .....

**BPI IS THE NATIONAL GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE PHONOGRAPHIC INDUSTRY. FULL BPI MEMBERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF IFPI.**

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