

# Public lending right compensation from Sanasto

## What is public lending right compensation?

- Public lending right (PLR) compensation refers to copyright compensation paid to authors for the free library lending of their works.
- Each author whose works are borrowed from libraries is entitled to PLR compensation.
- Compensation is paid from the state budget, and Sanasto distributes it to authors and translators. Illustrators receive compensation from Kopiosto.
- Compensation is paid for works that have an ISBN and are available as physical or e book copies at public libraries or as physical copies at university libraries in Finland.
- Compensation is available retroactively for a period of three years.

## What is the amount of compensation?

- The amount of compensation paid to an author is based on the total number of times their works have been borrowed from libraries during a year. Lending statistics are obtained from all libraries in Finland.
- In 2021, Sanasto distributed a total of over EUR 11 million in public lending right compensation. The amount of compensation was EUR 0.31 per loan.
- If a work has several authors, the compensation is divided evenly between them. Translators are entitled to 50% of the compensation per work.
- The maximum amount of compensation paid to an author is EUR 32,000 per lending year. From e-loans the maximum is EUR 15,000.

## How do I get my PLR compensation?

- Register as a client on the Sanasto website at [oma.sanasto.fi](https://oma.sanasto.fi) using your online banking codes. Being a Sanasto client is free of charge.
- Add your works to the online service. Remember to add all editions and their ISBNs.
- Keep your contact information and the list of your works up to date. Compensation is paid in accordance with Sanasto's distribution schedule.

## When is compensation paid?

- Compensation is distributed twice a year.
- The main distribution date is always in December when we pay compensation for the previous year's loans. We also have an additional distribution date in June.

## What else does Sanasto do?

- In addition to PLR compensation, Sanasto distributes compensation, among other things, for the use of works on radio and television, for Celia audiobooks for persons with print disabilities and for the public performance of works.
- You can direct certain licence requests to Sanasto, and we will take care of agreements and invoicing on your behalf.
- We offer copyright training and legal advice and promote the status of authors in society.