

# Announcement

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## CHANGES IN REGISTRATION PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978

The copyright law of the United States has been amended. Most provisions of the new Copyright Act will become effective on January 1, 1978. The new law contains many changes that affect registration. The following are a few of the most significant changes you should know about.

Effective January 1, 1978:

- you will need to submit entirely new application forms, containing information not called for on the forms you now use. Forms now in use will not be accepted after that date.
- It will be possible to register all types of works in either unpublished or published form. (Now, many works, including books, periodicals, and sound recordings, can only be registered in published form.)
- Fees are increased:
  - for original registration: \$10.00
  - for renewal registration: \$ 6.00
  - for an additional certificate of registration: \$4.00
- In some cases where it is now necessary to deposit visually perceptible copies of a musical, dramatic, or literary work, you will be able to deposit phonorecords (such as audio tapes) with your application for registration.

We will be issuing information circulars that explain the changes in more detail later. Please forward requests for these circulars and application forms to the Information and Publications Section, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559.