



## TARIFF 28: BACKGROUND MUSIC – MUSEUMS & ART GALLERIES

Tariff for the communicating to the public of sound recordings

Effective from: 01 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

1. The communicating of sound recordings to the public is a restricted act in terms of the South African Copyright Act (Act 98 of 1978, as amended) and Performers Protection Act (11 of 1967, as amended) and requires a licence from SAMPRA for the use of sound recordings in its **repertoire**. This document sets out SAMPRA's tariff for the communicating to the public of sound recordings at permanent or temporary exhibitions and displays held in **MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES**.
2. This tariff is subject to SAMPRA's "General Terms and Conditions for Communicating Sound Recordings to the Public Licences", a copy of which can be accessed on SAMPRA's website (<http://www.sampra.org.za>) or obtained by contacting SAMPRA (see contact details here above).
3. This tariff applies to the communicating to the public of sound recordings in museums and art galleries as **background music**. There are specific types of communicating sound recordings to the public that SAMPRA does not classify as **background music** and which are licensed under separate tariffs. Additional use of background music in other areas (bars, restaurants, etc.) will be charged using the appropriate tariffs.
4. Penalty Clause – A SAMPRA licence should be obtained before sound recordings are publicly communicated. Should sound recordings be communicated to the public without first obtaining or renewing a licence, a surcharge can be added to this tariff. This is designed to act as a deterrent to unlicensed communications to the public of sound recordings.
5. Fees:

**Tariff 28-01:** For permanent exhibitions or displays **R2,359.97** per annum

**Tariff 28-02:** During non-permanent exhibitions or displays for periods not exceeding 11 weeks **R203.37** per week

This tariff is subject to a minimum fee of **R992.16** per annum.

VAT will be added to the fee at the current rate.

### 6. Definitions:

**"Background Music"** means the playing of recorded music to create an atmosphere or ambience that is not a special feature of, or essential to, the main event or is not essential to the operation of the premises.

**"Repertoire"** means the collection of copyright sound recordings owned or controlled by members of SAMPRA from time to time.

**Should you require additional information, please contact our Licensing Team as per details below:**

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