



UPDATE
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Cable Operators Must Use New Copyright Forms for Filing Due by March 2, 2026

Cable operators must file with the U.S. Copyright Office their Statement of Accounts (“SOAs”) and pay any royalty fees due for the July 2025 – December 2025 accounting period by **March 2, 2026** (March 1st falls on a Sunday). Moreover, for the first time, **cable operators must use the new forms** promulgated by the Copyright Office in its [rule](#) published December 12, 2024.

In accordance with the new rule, substantive revisions to the SA1-2 and SA-3 forms include the following additional reporting requirements: (i) county information for each service area in Space D, (ii) broadcast fees associated with each service category, and (iii) any converter information has been changed to equipment.

Cable operators must electronically sign and submit their SOAs in the Excel format provided by the Copyright Office. Submission by mail will not be accepted. The new excel-based SA1-2E Short Form and SA3E Long Form, along with additional instructions regarding the forms, are available for download on the Copyright Office’s Section 111 [webpage](#).

As a reminder, cable operators must use the following forms based on the reported semiannual gross receipts:

- SA1-2 Short Form. For use by cable systems with semiannual gross receipts of less than \$527,600.
- SA3 Long Form. For use by cable systems with semiannual gross receipts of \$527,600 or more.

Copyright filings must also be accompanied by a filing fee in addition to the royalty payment. The filing fee is calculated based on the type of form filed:

SOA Type	Filing Fee
SA-1 (\$137,100 or less gross revenues)	\$15
SA-2 (\$137,101 – \$527,599 gross revenues)	\$20
SA-3 (\$527,600 or more gross revenues)	\$725

If you have questions about the Copyright Office’s rules, copyright forms, or fees, please contact Alma Hoxha at (314) 462-9000 ext. 4 or ahoxha@cinnamonmueller.com or Bruce Beard at (314) 394-1535 or bbeard@cinnamonmueller.com.

MVPDs Must File Annual KidVid Certifications by January 30, 2026

MVPDs serving systems with 1,000 or more subscribers must meet their annual KidVid public inspection file obligation by January 30, 2026.

The Children's Television Act of 1990 and FCC rules prohibit MVPDs from airing more than 10.5 minutes of commercial matter per hour during children's programming on weekends, or more than 12 minutes on weekdays, and require MVPDs to maintain records sufficient to verify their compliance with these advertising restrictions.

Though the FCC permits MVPDs to meet this recordkeeping requirement in various ways, almost all MVPDs rely on certifications from programmers that the channel meets FCC rules on children's advertising.

Note: MVPDs are not required to maintain records covering programs aired on a broadcast television channel which the MVPD passively carries, or to access channels over which the MVPD may not exercise editorial control.

If you have questions about the children's programming rules, cable public inspection file rules or the requirement to post them online, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

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