



REGISTER WITH A PRO AS A SONGWRITER:

SIGN UP WITH A PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION (PRO) SUCH AS ASCAP.COM OR BMI.COM.



METADATA AND CREDITS:

• GATHER THE FOLLOWING

- ARTIST NAME AND PRO/IPI NUMBER FROM THEIR PRO
- SONG NAMES AND SONG LENGTH
- ALBUM TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)
- FEATURING ARTISTS NAMES
- RELEASE DATE
- GENRE
- COMPOSER AND WRITER NAMES
- COPYRIGHT OWNER NAME
- PUBLISHER INFORMATION (IF SELF-PUBLISHED, PUT YOUR NAME
- PRODUCER NAME AND PRO/IPI NUMBER
- ARTWORK THAT MEETS THE DISTRIBUTOR'S REQUIREMENTS
- YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION



SONGWRITING SPLITS:

• CLEARLY DEFINE AND AGREE UPON SONGWRITING SPLITS WITH COLLABORATORS.

• USE PLATFORMS LIKE SPOTIFY OR SONGTRUST TO DOCUMENT AND MANAGE SONGWRITING SPLITS.



REGISTER MUSIC WITH PRO:

• SIGN UP WITH A PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION (PRO) SUCH AS ASCAP.COM OR BMI.COM, TO COLLECT PERFORMANCE ROYALTIES.

• REGISTER YOUR SONGS WITH THE PRO TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE ROYALTIES FOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCES.



DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION:

• CHOOSE A DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION PLATFORM LIKE DISTROKID, TUNECORE, OR CD BABY TO RELEASE YOUR MUSIC ON MAJOR STREAMING SERVICES (E.G., SPOTIFY, APPLE MUSIC, AMAZON MUSIC).



ISRC CODES:

• ACQUIRE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD RECORDING CODES (ISRC) FOR EACH TRACK. YOUR DISTRIBUTOR MAY PROVIDE THESE.





CREATE A MUSICIAN PROFILE:

- SET UP AN ARTIST PROFILE ON MUSIC PLATFORMS SUCH AS SPOTIFY FOR ARTISTS, APPLE MUSIC FOR ARTISTS, DEEZER FOR CREATIVES, AND YOUTUBE ARTISTS.



CREATE A RELEASE PLAN:

- PLAN YOUR RELEASE STRATEGY, INCLUDING SELECTING A RELEASE DATE, CREATING PROMOTIONAL CONTENT, AND COORDINATING SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION.



BUILD A WEBSITE OR LANDING PAGE

- CREATE A PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE OR ARTIST PAGE TO SHOWCASE YOUR MUSIC, BIO, AND UPCOMING EVENTS. INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL COLLABORATIONS.



COLLABORATE ON CREDITS:

- COMMUNICATE WITH COLLABORATORS TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS CREDITED PROPERLY ON PLATFORMS LIKE ALLMUSIC, GENIUS, AND DISCOGS.



NETWORK AND COLLABORATE:

- CONNECT WITH OTHER MUSICIANS, PRODUCERS, AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS TO EXPAND YOUR NETWORK AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES.



STAY INFORMED:

- STAY UPDATED ON INDUSTRY TRENDS, NEW PLATFORMS, AND CHANGES IN ROYALTY COLLECTION PROCESSES.



PLAN FOR ROYALTY PAYMENTS:

- FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE ROYALTY PAYMENT SCHEDULE OF YOUR DISTRIBUTION PLATFORM, PRO, AND ANY OTHER SERVICES YOU'VE REGISTERED WITH.

