

ISRCs - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I give a new ISRC to a recording when it is appearing on a new product?

No. Once a recording has an ISRC, and the recording is unchanged (i.e. not edited, shortened, remastered etc.) this should be used each time the recording is released.

2. Do I use the same ISRC for Video as well as Audio?

No. You should follow the same principle (country/first registrant code/year) but then assign a new designation code using the last 5 digits.

3. Do I need another First Registrant Code for my videos?

No. The First Registrant Code you have been assigned can be used for your recordings and videos.

4. Do remasters, remixes, edits and live versions need a different ISRC to the original recording?

Yes. Any changes to the recording means you should assign a new code so the different versions can be identified from each other.

5. I have licensed a recording from another record company. Do I assign a new ISRC?

No. Please ask the original record company for the ISRC they have already assigned.

6. Does ISRC influence who will be paid for the use of the recording?

No. The ISRC is used to identify the recording and not the owner. PPI will pay the party who is registered as the Rights Holder.

7. I am not based in Ireland, where should I request ISRCs?

ISRCs should be requested at your Local Music Licensing Company (MLC), please see <http://www.ifpi.org/useful-links.php> - click on MLCs around the world.

8. I requested an ISRC from PPI before, do I need to apply for an ISRC each time I'm releasing?

No. You only need to obtain an ISRC once, unless you require new codes for a different Label or Project. Please refer to the 'Guide to ISRCs'.

9. I did not apply ISRCs to my releases in previous years, can I apply them now?

Yes. If you have releases that have not been applied ISRCs you can apply codes (sequentially), using the **Current Year** that you are applying the code.

10. Can I obtain a UPC (Universal Product Code) or EAN (barcode) from PPI?

No. The only codes issued by PPI are ISRCs. For UPCs or Barcodes you could try GS1: <http://www.gs1.org/barcodes> or your Digital Distributor (CDBaby, Tunecore) might offer this service.