

UK SERVICE ELIGIBILITY

We are simplifying the eligibility requirements for the MLCS™ program in the United Kingdom. These changes apply to UK MLCS™ requests received effective 1 January 2020 and will ensure that the MLCS™ program will continue to provide a proper “white glove” service on eligible concerts.

The key benefits of the program remain unchanged:

- An administration charge of £125 per set-list per event
- Dedicated team to manage the flow of concert royalties
- Separate accounting by concert or tour
- Payment within 60 working days of completion of UK tour

New eligibility requirements

A. Repertoire eligibility

We are aligning the UK eligibility requirements with those already in place with our international service as follows: a member of the performing headliner must have participated as a composer or author on at least 60% of the total number of works performed. The UK program has not before had a clear repertoire eligibility threshold which has resulted in a potential lack of consistency in awarding the MLCS™ program benefits to our members and eligible foreign artists.

Advantages:

- *Aligns the domestic and international MLCS™ offerings into a cohesive program*
- *Ensures a consistent approach of this eligibility criteria*
- *Ties the service to the actual members who are performing live*

B. Concert size eligibility

We are also aligning the UK service to our international service by introducing a concert size eligibility threshold, so in the UK the venue must have a capacity of 5,000¹ or more. The move from a licence fee-based eligibility scheme to a capacity based one removes any pre-event ambiguity about qualification status. It also aligns with the feedback received from artist representatives for an easy-to-understand venue capacity-based thresholds for MLCS, which we are already implementing on the international side.

Advantages:

- *Aligns the domestic and international MLCS™ offerings into a cohesive program*
- *Simple to operate*
- *Members know which events are eligible via a published [list of venues](#)*

C. Overseas Members Eligibility

Members of foreign societies shall be eligible for the UK MLCS™ program only if their home society has signed up for a reciprocating arrangement for PRS members in their home territories.

Advantages:

- *Provides that the significant benefits of the MLCS™ program are limited to members of societies who reciprocate benefits for PRS members.*

NOTE: Publishers continue to be entitled to nominate concerts and tours for the UK MLCS™ service, but their eligibility will be evaluated against the factors held in A, B and C above.

¹ In order to provide a benefit to members of reciprocating foreign society members the threshold for such concerts is a venue capacity of 1,500.