

PUBLIC LENDING RIGHTS (PLR) APPLICATION FORM REMUNERATION FOR PUBLIC LENDING OF BOOKS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MALTA AND GOZO

The Public Lending Rights is a remuneration scheme introduced by the National Book Council in 2015, which benefits authors whose books are available to borrow from the Public Libraries of Malta and Gozo. The scheme in question also remunerates:

- i) co-authors of a publication.*
- ii) illustrators and photographers responsible for 50% or more of the publication's content – generally the case in children's books where illustrations play an important and essential role alongside the text.*
- iii) editors responsible for amassing works by several contributors for a publication.**

*In cases where a book has two or more authors – be they co-authors, illustrators or photographers – payment will be divided equally between all parties.

**In the case of an editor responsible for amassing works by several contributors for a publication, payment will go to the editor.

Please note that:

- i) every publication listed must be accompanied by an ISBN issued by the National Book Council.
- ii) every publication listed be in line with the law concerning legal deposits which requires that two copies of every publication be deposited in the National Library of Malta.

How to apply

In order to apply the author/editor or co-author/photographer/illustrator must submit a hard copy of this **application form** (downloadable to print from the National Book Council's website www.ktieb.org.mt or sent to you via e-mail upon request at joe.debattista@gov.mt and that he/she attaches a **detailed bibliography** of works listing:

- a) Title of Publication.
- b) Name and Surname (as printed).
- c) Role in Publication.
- d) ISBN.

Remuneration is issued every 3 months based on the lending statistics of the book/s in question as gathered from all Public Libraries in Malta and Gozo and including both Regional and Branch Libraries. The allocated funds for every period are divided percentage wise according to these statistics and payments are issued in cheque form and sent by post to the applicant.

In order to notify the National Book Council of any changes in applications that have already been submitted, it is necessary for the applicant to fill-in another form and submit it to the *Secretary, National Book Council, c/o Central Public Library, Prof. J. Mangion Street, Floriana, FRN1800* (Tel. +356 21222654). The Council will then issue receipt and confirmation.

Name and Surname: _____

ID. number: _____

Postal Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Landline/Mob: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____