

MUSIC BANDS

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FEATURED MUSIC played by MUSIC BANDS [including SERVICE BANDS]

Music played by service bands during the Independence Day parade and other similar type parades always bring a sense of national pride and enjoyment to the spectators.

A COTT licence ensures that you can legally use our extensive repertoire. By obtaining our licence you are ensuring that the creators behind the music you use are compensated.

Our licence covers both the Copyright [CR] in the musical works and the Neighbouring Rights [NR] in the sound recordings.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY OF TARIFF

This tariff applies to featured performances of live music by bands of the Police and Fire Services, Armed Forces, Coast Guard and other similar bands at processions, parades, and similar functions of an ephemeral nature.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST ANNUALLY

The following rates apply to all Royalties falling due from **1st January 2023**

	CR	NR
Annual Royalty per Band	1,379.13	N/A

DEFINITIONS

“COTT’s repertoire- all and any musical works (including words associated therewith) and sound recordings, in which the right of public performance, communication to the public and broadcast is controlled by COTT or by any of the societies in other countries that are COTT affiliated.

“Copyright” is a property right which subsists in literary and artistic works that are original intellectual creations. <http://ipo.gov.tt/types-of-ip/copyright/>

“Licence-year” the twelve-month period commencing on the day of the month in which COTT first issued a licence to a Licensee.

“Neighbouring rights” are similar to copyright. These rights exist in the public performance of a sound recording. Neighbouring rights are collected on behalf of performers and producers of sound recordings.

“Public Performance”- music played outside the normal circle of friends and family that occurs in any public place. A public performance also occurs when music is transmitted to the public, via radio, TV broadcasts, digital service providers, and any other means.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- ❖ COTT reserves the right to make such variations to this tariff it considers appropriate where performance particulars have changed; including but not limited to the way in which the music is made accessible to the public.
- ❖ COTT is not bound to adhere to the rates quoted in this tariff in respect of any performances for which an application was not made in advance.
- ❖ All information provided must be certified by an Auditor or in a manner acceptable to COTT.

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PERFORMANCE PARTICULARS

This tariff requires the licensee to report on its operations for the ensuing year. This tariff charges a fee per annum which is paid in advance. The royalties payable under this tariff are calculated by reference to the number of bands per service.

PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES

The royalties due under this tariff are payable on account immediately upon receipt of COTT's invoice.

Should the Licensee fail to pay any sum due and payable within 30 days of COTT's invoice, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, COTT reserves the right to charge the Licensee interest on the amount overdue calculated at the rate of 1.5 percent per annum above the base lending rate as per the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

All royalties payable under this tariff are exclusive of Value Added Tax or other governmental taxes or levies of any kind.

ROYALTY ADJUSTMENT

COTT reserves the right to adjust the royalties payable under this tariff every year by the percentage (to the nearest whole percentage point) by which the Retail Prices Index published by the Central Statistical Office changed when compared with the figure for the previous year provided that: -

1. We provide you with reasonable notice (at least 1 month) of any such amendments; and
2. The changes so notified will only take effect at the commencement of the year following the year in which the amendment notice was received.