

FOI Release
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Title: Orphan works registered in the UK

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Information request:

1. The number of Orphan Works registered in the UK in the 2015-16 and 2016-17.
2. The amount of application and licence fees that have been collected by way of registration.

Information released:

It is not clear from your request whether you are asking in relation to the orphan works licensing scheme, or UK cultural heritage organisations making use of the EU Directive on certain uses of orphan works and the registrations made for that.

Assuming it is solely about the licensing scheme, I also assume that you are interested in all applications made to the licensing scheme, rather than just those which go on to be licensed. Whether a licence is granted or withdrawn is on the public [orphan works register](#) (no applications have been refused since launching the scheme in 2014).

1. April 2015 – March 2016: 33 applications received, covering 60 works
April 2016 – March 2017: 28 applications received, covering 132 works
2. April 2015 – March 2016: For the applications received in this period, £730 application fees received (no Value Added Tax charged, VAT), £5006.16 licence fees received (excluding VAT charged)
April 2016 – March 2017: For the applications received in this period, £812 application fees received (no VAT charged), £2000.76 licence fees received (excluding VAT charged)

Please note that some licence fees may have been received in the following financial year.