Are You a Self-Administered Songwriter?

If you are not signed to a music publishing deal, then you are probably a self-administered songwriter. Your representative/agent can complete the registration for you.

If you are signed to a music publishing deal, then you are probably NOT a self-administered songwriter. Your publisher should complete the registration on your behalf.

The MLC’s Data Quality Initiative

The MLC created the Data Quality Initiative (DQI) to provide a streamlined way for music publishers to transfer their mechanical rights data to The MLC. This initiative aims to improve the accuracy of The MLC’s data and facilitate the collection of digital audio mechanical royalties for songwriters and composers.

To participate in the DQI, music publishers can transfer their mechanical rights data to The MLC through a secure online portal. This portal allows publishers to upload their data and verify its accuracy, ensuring that The MLC can accurately match each song to its corresponding songwriter and composer.

The MLC also encourages songwriters and composers to participate in the DQI by providing them with tools and resources to help them verify the accuracy of their own mechanical rights data. By doing so, both songwriters and publishers can benefit from increased accuracy in The MLC’s data, ultimately leading to more accurate royalty payments.

In conclusion, the Data Quality Initiative is a critical tool for improving the accuracy of The MLC’s data and ensuring that songwriters and composers receive the royalties they are owed. We encourage all publishers and songwriters to participate in this initiative to help make the music industry better.