

UK PLR Rate Per Loan

The Rate Per Loan for this year's UK PLR payments is **7.82 pence** – an increase from last year's figure of 7.67 pence. Government funding for PLR this year is £6.6 million (£6.6 million last year). The increase in the Rate has been possible due to efficiency savings and also as a result of a reduction in loans of registered books.

How is UK loans data collected?

We collect loans data from a changing sample of UK public library authorities. This year's payments are based on loans data collected from 33 library authorities across the UK during the year July 2015 – June 2016.

Details of the authorities that participated in the sample during 2015-16 are available on the PLR website www.bl.uk/plr under Library Information or on request from the PLR office.

How are UK PLR payments calculated?

We divide the total number of grossed up loans of registered books into the funding available to provide the Rate Per Loan. The calculation takes account of money freed for redistribution by the operation of the minimum (£1) and maximum (£6,600) payment thresholds. £6 million is available for payment to authors. As a result this year's Rate Per Loan is 7.82 pence.

UK PLR Funding

The Chancellor announced the results of the government's spending review in November 2015. As part of this announcement the British Library was informed that PLR has received a 'flat-cash' settlement. Its funding will therefore remain at £6.6m up to 2019.

UK PLR Payment Distribution

	Feb 2017	Feb 2016
£5,000 - £6,600	305	316
£2,500 - £4,999.99	356	372
£1,000 - £2,499.99	792	856
£500 - £999.99	863	897
£100 - £499.99	3,232	3,409
£1 - £99.99	16,654	16,757
Total Recipients	22,202	22,607
Nil or below minimum threshold	19,548	17,718

This year 205 authors (219 in February 2016) reached the maximum payment threshold.

UK PLR & ebooks

Matt Hancock, Minister of State responsible for digital and culture policy at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, confirmed in November 2016 that the government is bringing forward the legislation that will extend Public Lending Right to include the remote lending of ebooks.

Tom Holland, Chair of the PLR Advisory Committee, welcomed the announcement for all those registered for PLR.

"The recent commitment by the government to getting UK PLR on remote ebook loans is excellent news for authors, and a welcome demonstration of how PLR is moving with the times."

Currently, authors can register ebooks in anticipation of the new legislation and the future qualification of the loans for PLR.

Are you missing out on PLR earnings?

Each edition that is published using a different ISBN can potentially generate PLR earnings. It is therefore important to register all your new titles and new editions, including audio-books (UK PLR only), to make sure that you don't lose out on loans and PLR payments.

Further details of eligible material and how you can register are available on our website www.bl.uk/plr.

UK & IRISH PLR REMINDERS 2017



My UK PLR No is

My Irish PLR No is

January UK PLR Statements available online or posted (2nd class) around the middle of January. (Check our website www.bl.uk/plr for details.)

February UK PLR payments made around the middle of February. (See our website for latest details.)

PLR produces annual media releases on most borrowed UK authors and titles. See media section of www.bl.uk/plr.

March Don't forget that authors can apply for PLR payments from Germany, Austria, The Netherlands, France and other European countries via ALCS (www.alcs.co.uk, tel +44 (0) 20 7264 5700).

April Have you synchronised your UK and Irish PLR details? If not, visit our website at www.bl.uk/plr and go to the Registration Service Forms/Leaflets section for more information.

May e-newsletter to keep you up-to-date on latest developments circulated. Let PLR know if your email address has changed.

June Books must be registered by 30 June to qualify for payment in February 2018 for UK PLR, and December 2017 for Irish PLR.

July New UK PLR year starts and library sample is rotated. See www.bl.uk/plr for details of current library sample.

August Take a look at the PLR website www.bl.uk/plr to keep up-to-date on latest news.

September Have you had any new books published over the summer? If so, don't forget to register them. Visit the PLR website to register online at www.bl.uk/plr or request a form from the PLR office (tel +44 (0) 1642 604699).

October Make sure your personal details are up-to-date before the statements are printed.

November Irish PLR statements available online or posted (2nd class) around the middle of November.

December Irish PLR payments made around the middle of December. Have a look at the PLR website www.bl.uk/plr for latest news and Christmas opening hours.

December e-newsletter circulated.



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