

AACS Summary



Fee Name	Cost	Frequency	Who Normally Pays	Where do you Buy	Resources
AACS Content Provider License	\$500	Per year	Authoring Facility	AACS	AACS Content Provider Agreement
AACS Title Key Certificate	\$500	Per title	Client	Replicator	AACS for Independent Producers
AACS per-disc Royalty	\$0.04	Per disc	Client	Replicator	AACS for Independent Producers
Managed Copy URL	\$250	One time, until AACS LA Defines Authentication Server Requirements	Authoring Facility	NetBlender	NetBlender Managed Copy URL Solution
ISAN	\$34	Per title	Client	http://www.secpath.com/	Understanding Blu-ray Managed Copy Requirements

Summary of the Process and Associated Fees

1. The content owner signs the Content Provider Agreement with AACS LA and pays either a one-time fee of \$3,000 or the content owner can elect to pay \$500 per year up to a maximum of \$5,000.
2. Include a Managed Copy URL in your disc (you specify this during the authoring process). You can get a Managed Copy URL from NetBlender for \$250.
3. Purchase an ISAN code and insert that number into your disc (also during the authoring process). A Blu-ray release requires both a Base ISAN and a Version ISAN (V-ISAN). A Base ISAN contains all core metadata for the title, while the Version ISAN contains metadata specific to the version. When you contact the company to buy the ISAN, tell them you need an ISAN number for a Blu-ray title and they will provide you with the correct ISAN/V-ISAN.
4. The Authoring facility authors the disc and sends the BDCMF image to the replicator.
5. Replicator applies media keys to the disc image and proceeds with replication. AACS-related fees collected by the replicator are approximately \$500 per key plus \$.04 cents per disc. This covers the cost of the media keys and the per-disc costs associated with the Content Provider Agreement.