

A user guide to assist with submitting a film classification by documentation application.

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### SPECIAL NOTE

Film Classification by Documentation applications must be submitted to the Director, <u>The Film and Video Classification Act 2016</u> via the on-line Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) Registration and Licensing System (RLS).

Continue to next pages to read the On-line Application Instructions. You will find additional information via these links:

- A General RLS User Guide can also be found by going to our website (<u>www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca</u>) and navigating to <u>Film and/or Video Theatre</u>, <u>Distributor or Retailer</u>, selecting Registration and Licensing System, then General RLS User Guide.
- For your convenience, the following link provides direct access to the portal RLS portal



### Before You Begin

If a film is not a main stream box office release or it was released prior to 1990 <u>and</u> has already been classified by another approved rating agency, it must still be classified in Saskatchewan, although classification can be done by a review of relevant documentation.

Classification by documentation is suitable for films used in repertory theatres, delayed "live events" and for public one-time type exhibitions by groups or organizations. It is also suitable for distributors of retail or rental home-use videos, DVD's, or Blu-ray where such were not rated pursuant to the Canadian Home Video Rating System. For more information about the registration, classification, exemption, or other administration processes, click <a href="here">here</a>.

### What we will need to process your classification request:

- Completion of the online form which initiates the classification request
- Answers to the question has the film been classified by another jurisdiction
- If yes, it will ask you to insert jurisdiction's online webpage for that film.
- If the classification is not available on the jurisdiction's website, then you will need to upload a copy of the report that you would have received from that other jurisdiction advising what the film is about and the rating of the film. For clarity, this is likely to take the form of a temporary classification report. Note: If there is no classification online or a summary report is not available, a viewing by Saskatchewan film Classification is required before the film can be sold or exhibited. You will have to submit a Classification by Screening application instead.
- There is a \$50 classification by documentation fee per film

The completed online request and the fee should be provided to our office at least <u>14 days</u> prior to the showing date.

If you have any questions about the requirements, we encourage you to contact us at <u>306-787-5550</u> or toll-free at <u>1-877-880-5550</u> before you begin your submission.

### **Contact information**

Director, *The Film and Video Classification Act, 2016*Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority
Saskatchewan Film Classification
4th Floor, 2365 Albert Street
REGINA, SK S4P 4K1

Telephone: <u>306-787-5550</u> <u>1-877-880-5550</u> (toll-free) Fax: <u>306-787-9779</u>

Email: skfilmclass@gov.sk.ca

Web address: Film and/or Video Theatre, Distributor or Retailer

#### **General Remarks**

Every applicant for a licence should become familiar with the Act and Regulations. A complete copy of <u>The Film and Video Classification Act, 2016</u> and <u>Regulations 2018</u> is available free of charge online at <u>pq.gov.sk.ca</u> or by purchasing a print copy from Publications Saskatchewan at Telephone: <u>1-800-226-7302</u> (Sask. residents only) <u>306-787-6894</u> Fax: <u>306-798-0835</u> Email:<u>publications@gov.sk.ca</u>



### After you submit

Once you have completed your submission, it will be reviewed by FCAA. You may be contacted to provide additional information in order to complete the review process. Your timely response to these requests will ensure the review of your submission is not delayed. You will be advised of the progress of your submission electronically by e-mail.

Unless otherwise directed, any correspondence you receive from FCAA will direct or require you to return to the online Registration and Licensing System (RLS) portal to ensure the security of your information.

### **Security Controls**

For security purposes, remember that we will never ask you for your user name or password.

### **Terms of Use**

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan ("FCAA") is a regulatory body comprised of different divisions ("Regulatory Divisions") that administer a number of regulatory programs pursuant to various legislation and regulations ("Regulatory Laws"). By accessing this system, including providing or submitting any information ("Information"), I acknowledge, recognize and understand that any and all Information I provide to FCAA and/or any of its Regulatory Divisions may be used, disclosed or shared by FCAA or any of its Regulatory Divisions as authorized by Regulatory Laws or other applicable laws, including the sharing of the Information amongst the different Regulatory Divisions.

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The narrative below describes the details required on the pages or steps of the online RLS application.

### **Login Page**

Log in using your username and password if you have already registered, otherwise please register.

### Once logged-in

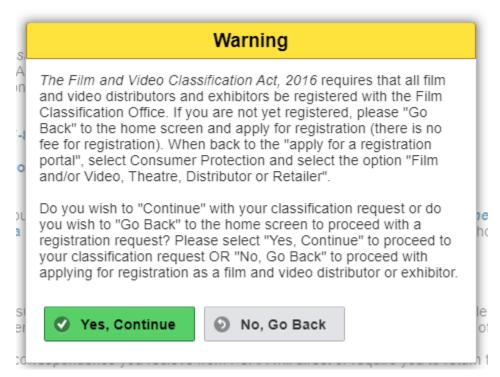
- 1. select "Apply for a Licence/Registration/Endorsement/or Film Classification", then
- 2. select the Consumer Protection "button", then
- 3. click on the drop down window labelled "Please select to reveal list...", then
- 4. within the dropdown window, select "Film Classification by Documentation"

### **Before You Begin page**

The "Before You Begin" page outlines basic information about requesting a Film Classification by Documentation, legal definitions, contact information, security controls and terms of use.

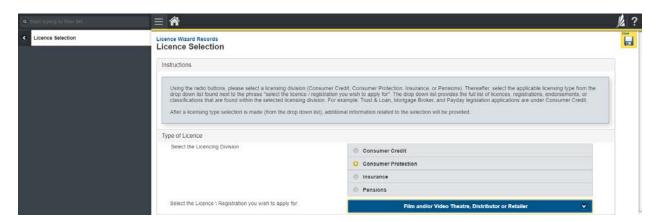
After reading the information contained on this page, select the "I acknowledge" button.

Note: When you select "I acknowledge" button a warning message will appear. This message basically says that If you are not already registered with Consumer Protection Division as a film and video distributor or exhibitor, then you need to go back and do this first. There is no charge for Registration.



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When you go back you would select, Consumer Protection" and then select "Film and/or Theatre, Distributor or Retailer as seen in the screen print below.



Since you will not be able to return to this "Before You Begin" page once you select the "I acknowledge" button, it was reproduced at the start of this document for your reference.

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### Step 1 – Application for Film Classification by Documentation

At this step, provide primary contact information for the person who should receive communication and information from the FCAA regarding this request.

If the primary contact is to be the same as the registered user (that is the person who registered the username and password) then, select "Yes" below.

If the primary contact for this request is someone other than the registered user, select "No" below and complete the required information fields/boxes. This is recommended if the primary contact is an employee or designate of the organization. Such an employee/designate of the organization should be authorized to act on behalf of the organization and the organization is bound and held responsible for the information and declaration made by such an individual.

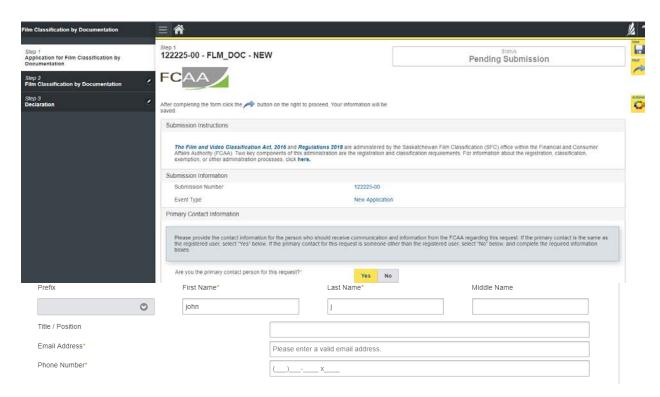
The following information is required:

- Name of primary contact
- o Title/Position with the organization
- o Email Address of the primary contact
- Phone Number of the primary contact

Once you have completed this step, select



next icon to the right of your page.



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### Step 2 – Film Classification by Documentation

Enter the distributor/Organization name Enter the distributor/Organization address

Under the Film Summary:

-select add a film. The film details for each film is now visible. From this screen you can add another film, remove the film and return to classification.

The film details are as follows:

- Film title
- Alternate film title (if any)
- Date of film release
- Country of origin
- · Length of film
- Name of location and address where the film is to be distributed or exhibited
- If the film is being exhibited, when is the film playing? A date range or Individual dates can be selected.

### Classification of other Jurisdictions:

Has the film been rated by British Columbia?

British Columbia website: Consumer Protection BC

Select "Yes" or "No" or "not found." If you select "Yes", other questions become visible.

- What is the classification
- What are the advisories
- Provide the website link to the film classification title

E.g. If the film title was *Marley & Me*, the website link to the title for BC would be:

https://www.consumerprotectionbc.ca/motion-picture-ratings/find-

<u>rating/?cpbc\_featureTitle=Marley+%26+Me&cpbc\_distributor=All&cpbc\_trailerTitle=&cpbc\_rating=</u>
All&cpbc\_start=&cpbc\_end=&cpbc\_advisory=#gf\_3

Has the film been rated by Alberta? Alberta website: <a href="http://www.albertafilmratings.ca/">http://www.albertafilmratings.ca/</a> Select "Yes" or "No" or "not found." If you select "Yes", other questions become visible.

- What is the classification
- What are the advisories
- Provide the website link to the film classification title

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Has the film been rated by Quebec website: Régie du Cinema

Select "Yes" or "No" or "not found." If you select "Yes", other questions become visible.

- What is the classification
- What are the advisories
- Provide the website link to the film classification title

Has the film been rated by British Board of Film Classification? website: The British Board of Film Classification

Select "Yes" or "No" or "not found." If you select "Yes", other questions become visible.

- What is the classification
- What are the advisories
- Provide the website link to the film classification title

Has the film been rated for the MPAA (U.S)? website: <u>The Motion Picture Association of America</u> Select "Yes" or "No" or "not found." If you select "Yes", other questions become visible.

- What is the classification
- What are the advisories
- Provide the website link to the film classification title

Has the film been rated by a jurisdiction not labelled above?

If you have been issued a temporary classification report by another jurisdiction, please upload a copy if more than one jurisdiction has issued a temporary classification report please include them all as the same file.

• Summary/storyline of film

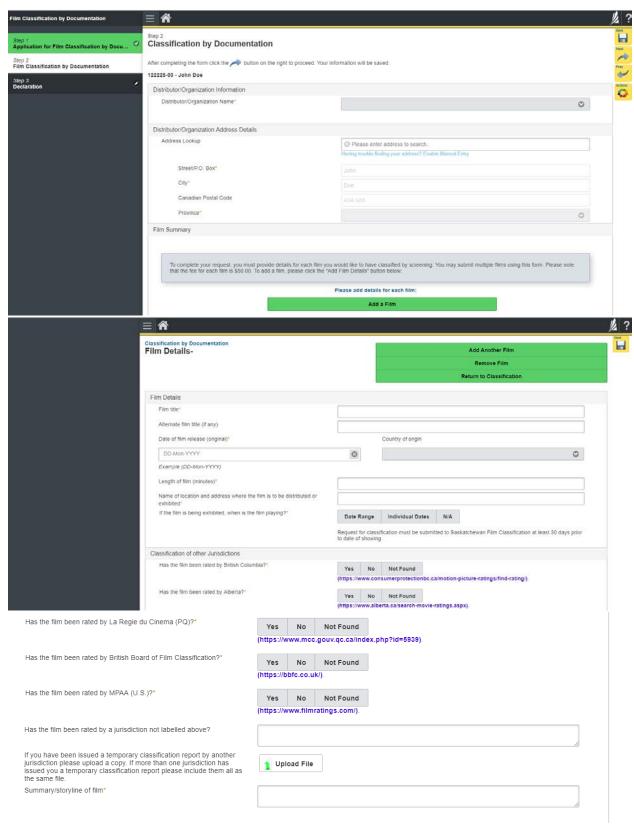
Select "Save" at the top right of your screen.

To add another title, select "Add another film" in the green portal at the top of the page. Otherwise select "Return to Classification" in the green portal.

Once you have completed this step, select next icon to the right of your page.

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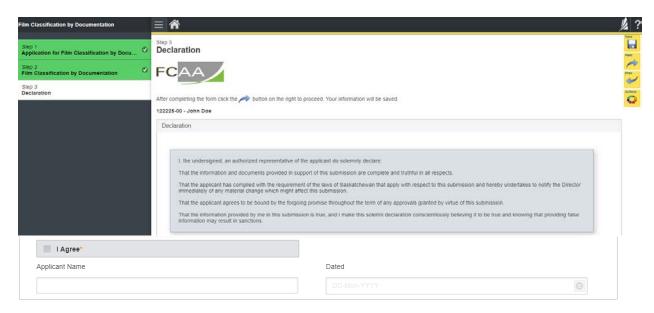


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### Step 3 – Declaration

Read the declaration and if in agreement click "I Agree". Select "next" icon to the. The application will advance to the payment page.

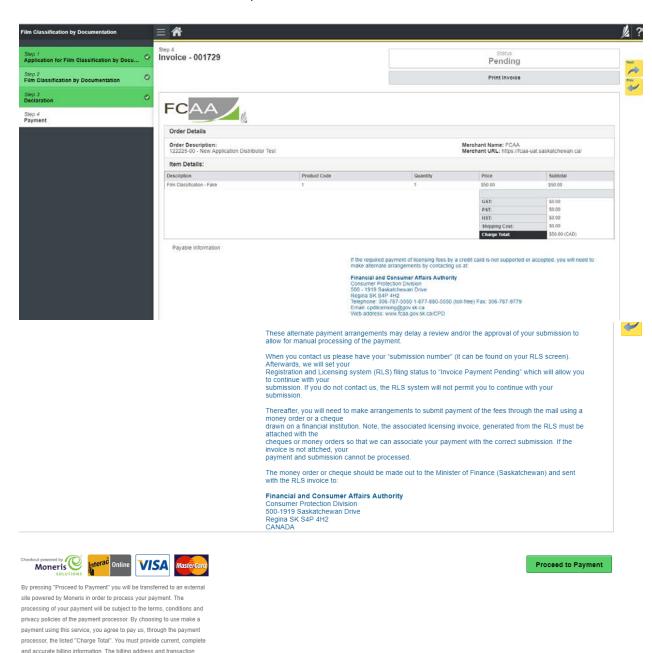


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### Step 4 - Payment

Review and then select "Proceed to Payment"

result will be collected by FCAA RLS. Please note that no full credit card



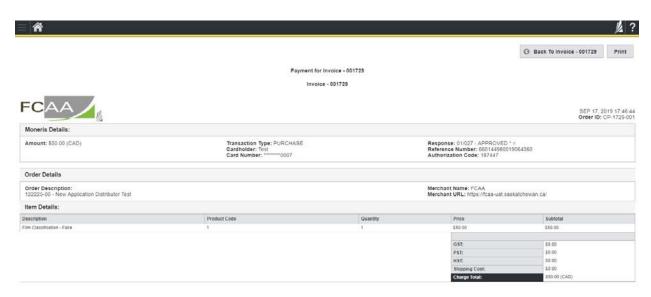
Fill out the Customer details section, Payment method and payment details. Select "Process transaction"

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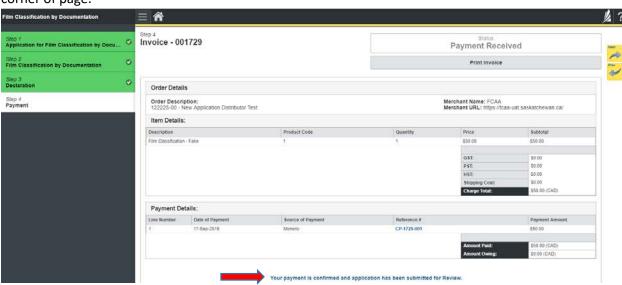
Select 'Back to Invoice' at the top of the page.



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At this point, select 'print invoice' if you require a paper copy. Select "Back to invoice" at the top right corner of page.



Your application has now been submitted to FCAA and the "Status" of your application will change to "In Review".

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### APPLICATION STATUS

Once submitted, you will receive a notification email and the status of the application changes from "pending submission" to "in review". Thereafter you will receive further emails as follows:

- 1. More Information Requested.
- 2. Licence Approval
- 3. Licence Rejection

### More Information Requested Email – If you receive such an email

- 1. Login to the RLS site
- 2. Select the 'My Pending Submissions' portal
- 3. Select the relevant licence/registration, and respond to the information request (the event steps requiring an update are shown in yellow on the left hand side of the screen if necessary, you will need to toggle the 3 horizontal bars to view the event pages).
- 4. Re-submit on the declaration page.

### Registration Approval Email – if you receive such an email

5. Login to the RLS site go to the "My Active Licences/Registration" portal, select your licence and then "View Classification Certificate" to view your approved film Certificate.

**Licence Rejection Email** - If you receive such an email, your application has not been approved. You will thereafter be provided with further correspondence with reasons and be given an opportunity to be heard/appeal.

### APPLICATION PORTALS

My Pending Submissions – this portal contains your unfinished applications

My Submissions in Review – this portal contains your applications under review with the FCAA

My Active Licences/Registration – from this portal you can view your active licences

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