

# MUSIC PROMOTER / PRODUCER

## Checklist

- If you will feature recorded or live music, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. You can do this by contacting The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP licenses the right to perform songs and musical works created and owned by the songwriters, composers, lyricists and music publishers who are ASCAP members and also those members of foreign performing rights organizations who are represented by ASCAP in the United States.); or Broadcast Music, Incorporated (BMI). For more information, contact ASCAP at (800) 505-4052, or BMI at (212) 220-3000. Information is also on-line at [www.ascap.com](http://www.ascap.com), or [www.bmi.com](http://www.bmi.com).
- The recording of music is not taxable. But, if you will make retail sales, you need a VENDOR'S LICENSE. Contact YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR. Information is also on-line at <http://business.ohio.gov>.
- If you have questions about sales tax, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; (888) 405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also on-line at <http://www.tax.ohio.gov>.
- Ohio's music producer laws and regulations can be found in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-100-17.
- The Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov>.

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*For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at [www.ohiosbdc.net](http://www.ohiosbdc.net)  
Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements.  
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