

ISRC is structured in 3 parts:

- a) Prefix Code (5 alphanumeric characters) [formerly Country Code and Registrant Code]
- b) Year of Reference in two digit form - e.g. "24" represents the year 2024 (2 numbers)
- c) Designation code – the serial number that the phonogram receives by the producer (5 numbers)

Below is an example of the code's structure for a producer who has received the prefix "GRAAA"

GRAAA	24	00001
Prefix Code	Year of Reference	Designation Code

This way, the ISRCs given for the first production in 2024 that regards music album and includes a total of 12 tracks, will be:

GRAAA 24 00001 (for the 1st track)
GRAAA 24 00002 (for the 2nd track)
etc up to
GRAAA 24 00012 (for the 12th track)

The next album that will be released by the same company in the same year, regardless the artist (same as the previous one or different), will receive ISRCs that will follow the ones of the previous release, i.e. will begin with **GRAAA 24 00013**.

For the first album that will be released the following year, the part of the code that refers to the year of reference will change, while the serial numbering will be restarted. Therefore, the first ISRC given will be **GRAAA 25 00001**.

In case your productions include both audio and audiovisual content (video clips), you can either use a continuous numbering for each format or alternatively format the designation code in a way to distinguish audio from video content. E.g.:

GRAAA 24 00157 (for phonogram, which is the 157th of the year)
GRAAA 24 00158 (for videogram, which is the 1st of the year)
or alternatively
GRAAA 24 00157 (for phonogram, which is the 157th of the year)
GRAAA 24 10001 (for videogram, which is the 1st of the year)

Important Note:

Prefix combinations are not infinite.

For maintenance reasons, individual prefix and full range of designation codes is allocated only to record companies and producers with substantial number of annual productions.

Independent producers with lower production needs will receive specific prefix and a range of designation codes that will cover the need of 1000 ISRCs annually.

E.g. independent producer who will receive a GRGEN (Generic) prefix and a range of designation codes 1-1000 will be able to use the following codes:

In 2024 from **GRGEN 24 00001** to **GRGEN 24 01000**

In 2025 from **GRGEN 25 00001** to **GRGEN 25 01000**

etc.

Every registrant is required to maintain a record of the assigned ISRCs (in a table format) that will include at least the following data of recordings:

ISRC	Main Artist	Track Title	Version Title or Alternative Title or Subtitle	Duration	Content Type	Date of Publication
The unique ISRC assigned to this particular recording	Often termed 'ArtistBand' this is the name of the featured artist or band as it would appear attached to an MP3 or printed on a CD sleeve	The title of the recording	This is additional information about the recording, for example 'live in Paris' or 'extended mix'	The elapsed playing time between the first and last recorded modulations of the recording	Sound Recording or Music Video Recording	Known as (P) date. This is the date of first publication or first simultaneous publication, and it is used in relation to the copyright term, as well as to help to link the ISRC to a specific recording

The procedure of allocation of a prefix code is realized through e-mail and only in cooperation with IFPI, after we consider any proposals you may have and check their availability.

Notes:

- ISRC codes are granted for free and indefinitely, yet they typically remain under IFPI's control.
- IFPI grants only once to you the prefix code and from that point on, the producer forms the code, without need of further contact, according to these instructions.
- In case that in the future you decide for any reason to suspend your production activities, we ask you to contact IFPI, so that we can release the given code.
- Solely or the administration of the assigned Prefix Codes, IFPI maintains a record of contact details of the registrants. This record is not used for any other purposes and no one not related to the administration of ISRCs has access to it.
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