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their artwork.**

Questions?

To learn more about which artworks may be considered eligible under the scheme, please visit resaleroyalties.co.nz

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**Register for the
Artist Resale
Royalty Scheme.**

Learn more



In a historic move, the Artist Resale Royalty Scheme has been implemented in Aotearoa New Zealand.

This means from 1 December, under the Resale Right for Visual Artists Act 2023 and the Resale Right for Visual Artists Regulations 2024, a 5% royalty will be collected for eligible artists each time there is a “qualifying resale” of an original visual artwork by that artist (provided the right has not expired at the time of resale).

Benefits of the scheme include the potential for longer-term financial stability and recognition, and an acknowledgement of the art’s ability to appreciate over time. As the value of your art rises, so too should the benefits to the creator (or their successor).

About the Artist Resale Royalty Scheme

Once RRA has received the total royalty payment from the liable person(s) we are required to distribute to the rights holder in a timely manner (provided the right holder can be found). RRA will retain 20% for the purpose of funding RRA operations and distribute the remainder of the royalty to the visual artist or successor.

Over 106 countries have Artist Resale Royalty Rights legislation, including over 30 OECD countries. Like these countries, New Zealand’s implementation of this scheme recognises the increase in the value of an artist’s work over time, enabling legacy benefit to the artist and their successors.

What you need to know as an artist/successor

Payment threshold:

The Artist Resale Royalty Scheme does not apply to resales where the resale value is less than \$2000 NZD.

Who pays the royalty:

The following TWO persons are jointly and severally liable to pay the 5% resale royalty to RRA:

1) The seller.

and

2) The seller's agent (usually an Art Market Professional). If the seller has no agent, then it is the buyer's agent. If there are no agents, then it is the buyer.

Registering for the scheme:

You do not need to register to receive the royalty, but registering on our website will make it easier for us to make contact and distribute the royalty payment.

How does RRA factor into the equation:

RRA are a non-profit organisation who have been appointed to administer, collect and distribute royalties on behalf of visual artists. We will be in touch if you or your successor are eligible for a royalty payment.

How long will payment take:

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Further Assistance

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This Scheme is an important part of protecting artists’ legacy over time and supporting the growth of Aotearoa New Zealand’s vibrant art community. We continue to work closely with key communities to support the smooth running of Artist Resale Royalty in Aotearoa New Zealand and look forward to its long-term success.