



## ISBN Information

'ISBN' stands for 'International Book Number'.

An ISBN is a number, not a barcode.

One agency per country is designated to assign ISBNs for the publishers and self-publishers located in that country.

In Australia the ISBN agency is held by Thorpe-Bowker.

The ISBN identifies the title or other book-like product (such as an audio book or eBook) to which it is assigned, but also the publisher to be contacted for ordering purposes.

Generally, you will need three ISBN's for each published book. One for the print version, one for the ePub version and one for the KDP Kindle version.

### Australian Authors

You need to create an account with Thorpe-Bowker - <https://www.myidentifiers.com.au/>

Click Sign-in/Register

What you need to set up your account are the following details –

**Email:**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Address:**

Once your account is set up, we suggest you purchase a group of ten ISBNs as it is the most cost-effective option.

The total cost is \$143.

\$55 to create your account and \$88 for the group of ten ISBN's.

You may also need to purchase a Barcode for the cover of your book if you are printing through a printer. If you are only printing through IngramSpark and KDP you do not need a barcode.



### **New Zealand Authors**

You apply for ISBNs through your National Library - <https://natlib.govt.nz/publishers-and-authors/isn>

These are free.