

How to Get a Privately Owned Location

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Location Agreement

Before filming on private property, you must obtain a signed [Location Agreement](#) from the owner.

The Location Agreement outlines exactly the transaction that is taking place between the Director and the property owner, including the details and specifics of the shoot, and any compensation that may be required. A location agreement also protects the owner, because it ensures they will be covered by insurance, should any accidents occur.

NYU Location Agreement: NYU has created a [location agreement](#) for student films.

Non-NYU Location Agreements: Some locations, especially stages, have their own location agreements. If a location owner is requesting you sign a different agreement, it will need to be submitted for [Insurance Contract Review](#) and the turnaround time is 10 business days.

[Some location agreements have been vetted recently](#), for another student, and do not need to be resubmitted.

Here are a few tips that will help you secure Location Agreements for your shoot:

- Occasionally, a location owner may want to see a [sample insurance certificate](#) before signing the Location Agreement.