

The Carpentries

Transition to 501(c)(3) non-profit status



FAQ

Why is The Carpentries transitioning from fiscal sponsorship to 501(c)(3) status?

The Carpentries has matured in its operations, and by becoming an independent, tax-exempt non-profit organisation, we can build policies based on our values and improve our global operations.

Where can I learn more about The Carpentries fiscal sponsorship transition?

In July of 2022, a task force was assembled to plan and implement a roadmap to transition The Carpentries out of fiscal sponsorship to independent, tax-exempt status. [Learn more about the objective and deliverables of the task force on Github.](#)

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Glossary of Terms

[Fiscal Sponsorship](#): Refers to the practice of non-profit organisations offering their legal and tax-exempt status to groups—typically projects—engaged in activities related to the sponsoring organisation's mission. It typically involves a fee-based contractual arrangement between a project and an established non-profit.

[Non-Profit Organisation](#): A legal entity organised and operated for a collective, public or social benefit, in contrast with an entity that operates as a business aiming to generate a profit for its owners.

[501\(c\)\(3\) Organisation](#): a United States corporation, trust, unincorporated association or other type of organisation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code.