

TV Licence

Do I need a TV Licence?

You need to be covered by a valid TV Licence if you watch or record TV as it's being broadcast. This includes the use of devices such as a computer, laptop, mobile phone or DVD/video recorder.

- Watching TV on the internet - You need to be covered by a licence if you watch TV online at the same time as it's being broadcast on conventional TV in the UK or the Channel Islands.
- Video recorders and digital recorders like Sky+/Virgin Media - You need a licence if you record TV as it's broadcast, whether that's on a conventional video recorder or digital box.

Mobile phones - A licence covers you to watch TV as it's broadcast on a mobile phone, whether you're at home or out and about. This includes the use of catch up services such as BBC iPlayer, ITV Player, 4OD, or 5 On Demand.

Payment of your TV Licence is a **priority**. It is a criminal offence to use a television without a licence. You could be fined up to £1,000 (not including legal costs).

How much does a TV Licence cost?

A TV Licence currently costs:

Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
£2.80*	£12**	£145.50

* You'll usually pay for your first year's TV Licence within the first six months, at around £5.60 per week. You'll then pay for your next licence in weekly instalments of just over £2.80.

** You'll usually pay for your first year's TV Licence within the first six months, at around £24 a month. You'll then pay for your next licence in twelve monthly instalments of just over £12.

If you're over 75 you get a free TV licence. If you are currently 74 and your licence is due for renewal, you should buy a short-term licence to cover you up to your 75th birthday. When you reach the age of 75, you should apply for a free over 75 TV Licence. TV Licensing will send you your TV licence every three years, provided that they have your National Insurance number.

How do I buy a TV Licence?

You can buy a TV Licence online at www.tvlicensing.co.uk or by calling 0844 800 6790.

I have just moved, will my licence follow me?

When you move home your TV licence does not automatically move with you, you need to tell TV Licensing your new address. You can do this by filling in a short form online at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/details or by calling 0844 800 6790.