Things you need to know about the TV Licence

You might want someone you know to look at this leaflet with you so you can talk about it.

Getting a TV Licence
You can watch TV in lots of different ways:

- On a TV set
- On a mobile phone or a tablet (like an iPad or Samsung Galaxy)
- Using a Blu-ray, DVD or video recorder
- On a computer or laptop
- Using a digital box that works with your TV (like Sky or Virgin)
- With a games console (like a PlayStation or Xbox)

You need a TV Licence to:
- watch or record TV programmes live on any channel; or
- download or watch any BBC programmes on iPlayer – live, catch up or on demand.
A TV Licence costs £154.50

If you’re over 75 years old you could get a free TV Licence.

If you’re blind you could get a half-price TV Licence.

If you live in a care home you could pay less for a TV Licence.

For help or for more information go to: tvl.co.uk/easyread or call 0300 790 6114
There are different ways to buy a TV Licence

You can use your debit or credit card

Make sure you have your card with you before you start.

Call us on 0300 790 6114
Go to tvl.co.uk/pay
You can set up a Direct Debit

You can pay for the total cost of your licence once a year or in smaller amounts each month.

You can also pay each quarter, once every three months. As most of your licence is paid for after it’s issued, we charge an extra £1.25 every three months for this.

To set up a Direct Debit with us, make sure you have your account number and sort code before you start.

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Pay in one go at any PayPoint

You can pay in cash or use your debit card at any PayPoint. You can find these in many shops, newsagents and supermarkets. Tell the person behind the counter that you want to pay for a TV Licence. They will ask for your name, address and postcode. Then they will do the rest.

Or pay in smaller amounts at any PayPoint

You can also spread the cost of your TV Licence. But first, you must get a TV Licensing payment card from us. Call 0300 555 0286 to get yours. You can then use this card to pay weekly or monthly by cash or debit card at any PayPoint. You can also pay over the phone, by text, or online.

In the Channel Islands or on the Isle of Man, you can pay for your TV Licence at your local post office instead of a PayPoint.

You can send us a cheque in the post

The cheque has to be for the full amount of the TV Licence. Make sure you write your name and address on the back.

Send it to:

TV Licensing
Darlington
DL98 1TL
What to do if you don’t need a TV Licence

Remember, if you:

- don’t watch or download any BBC programmes on iPlayer; and
- don’t watch or record TV programmes live on any channel

you don’t need a TV Licence.

If you don’t need a licence, please tell us by calling 0300 790 6114 or going to tvl.co.uk/noTV
We may send a TV Licensing Officer to your home to check if you need a licence.

If you do not get a TV Licence when you need one you will be breaking the law. This means you could have a visit from a TV Licensing Enquiry Officer and be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000. In Guernsey the maximum fine is £2,000.
Do you need any more help?

Please call us on 0300 790 6114.

Or you can go online to find out more about getting a TV Licence.
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