



# Getting a TV Licence

# Why do you need a TV Licence?

You need to be covered by a TV Licence to:

a) watch or record live TV programmes on any channel, or b) download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer.

This could be on any device, including a TV, desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder.

If you do any of the above without a valid licence, you risk prosecution and a maximum penalty of up to £1,000\*, plus any legal costs and/or compensation you may be ordered to pay. You will also still have to buy a TV Licence if you need one.

To find out more, go to  
**[tvlicensing.co.uk/info](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/info)**

## How much does a TV Licence cost?

**Colour TV**

**£157.50**

**Black and white TV**

**£53.00**

\*The maximum fine is £2,000 in Guernsey.

# Could you get a concession?

## Are you, or is someone you live with:

- **Aged 75 or older, and receiving Pension Credit?** You can apply for a free TV Licence. You need to be receiving Pension Credit in your name, or this can be in your partner's name if you are a couple and living at the same address.

**74 years old and receiving Pension Credit?** You can apply for a free TV Licence now, plus a short-term licence to cover you until your 75th birthday. If you live in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man, different conditions may apply.

- **Blind (severely sight impaired)?** You may be eligible to apply for a 50%

concession. You can complete and print out an online application form at **[tvlicensing.co.uk/blind](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/blind)** and send it to us along with a copy of your document of blind registration or a certificate from your ophthalmologist. You'll also need your licence number, phone number and cheque payment. Please post to TV Licensing, Blind Concession Group, Darlington DL98 1TL.

For more information on concessions, go to **[tvlicensing.co.uk/concessions](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/concessions)** or call **0300 790 6122**.

# How to buy a TV Licence.

There are lots of different ways to pay – just choose the one that suits you best:



**PayPoint** – you can pay for a TV Licence by cash or debit card. To find your nearest outlet, visit [paypoint.com/locator](https://www.paypoint.com/locator) or, if you live in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man, you can visit your local post office.



**Direct Debit** – you can pay yearly, or you can spread the cost of your licence by making monthly or quarterly payments.

- **Yearly:** you'll pay the full fee in one go when your licence is issued.
- **Quarterly:** you'll pay in four equal instalments, once every three months. As most of your licence is paid for after it's issued, there's a quarterly charge of £1.25.
- **Monthly:** you'll pay for your first licence within six months. From then on, you'll spread the cost in 12 monthly payments – six before your licence is due and six after.

Find out more at [tvlicensing.co.uk/payinfo](https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/payinfo) or call 0300 790 6115.



### **TV Licensing payment**

**card** – you can pay for your TV Licence with weekly payments from £6.00.

Please call **0300 555 3456**.



**Credit/debit card** – you can make a single payment with a debit or credit card, including Maestro, Delta, Visa, Visa Electron or MasterCard. Pay online at **tvlicensing.co.uk/payinfo** or call **0300 790 6115**.



**By post** – send a cheque for the full TV Licence fee payable to 'TV Licensing', writing your name, address and postcode clearly on the back of the cheque. Send your cheque to **TV Licensing, Darlington DL98 1TL**. Please do not send cash.

If you have any questions or need help with this leaflet, please call **0300 790 6112**.

# Need help?

If you have any questions about your TV Licence, call 0300 790 6112.

If you are having money problems or want to speak to someone else about this leaflet, you can ask your local Citizens Advice, money advice organisation or Housing Officer for help, or ring the National Debtline on 0808 808 4000.

If you have sight problems, you can get this information by email or in Braille or audio by calling 0300 790 6076.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, we support the Next Generation Text (NGT) Service. For more information see **[tvlicensing.co.uk/accessibility](https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/accessibility)**

If you need information in any other language, please contact us on 0300 790 6044.

Wish to comment on our service? We would welcome your views. Please write to Customer Services, TV Licensing, Darlington DL98 1TL.

# How to contact us



**0300 790 6112**



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