



Getting a TV Licence

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.



**You
can watch
TV in lots of
different
ways:**



On a TV set



On a computer
or laptop



On a mobile phone
or a tablet (like an iPad
or Samsung Galaxy)



Using a digital box that
works with your TV
(like Sky or Virgin)



Using a Blu-ray, DVD
or video recorder



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 BBC iPlayer – live, catch up or on demand.

A TV Licence costs £169.50



If you're over 75 years old and receiving Pension Credit, you could get a free TV Licence.



If you're blind (severely sight impaired) 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](https://www.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.

Call us on **0300 790 6114**

Go to **[tvl.co.uk/pay](https://www.tvl.co.uk/pay)**



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 BBC 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 **[tvlicensing.co.uk/noTV](https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/noTV)**



What happens if you don't have a licence when you need one



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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