



## 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.



**TV LICENSING**



**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 iPlayer – live, catch up or on demand.

# A TV Licence costs £147



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](http://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 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 **tvlic.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?**



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about getting a TV Licence.  
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