

Getting a TV Licence – Guidance from TV Licensing

You need to be covered by a [TV Licence to watch or record live TV programmes](#) on any channel, or 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

How can I buy a TV Licence?

There are lots of different ways to [buy a TV Licence](#). Whether that's through weekly cash payments, using your nearest PayPoint outlet, spreading the cost with monthly, quarterly or yearly direct debit, credit/debit card or by post – just choose the one that suits you best.

For more information on the ways to pay, go to tvlicensing.co.uk/payinfo

Could I get a concession?

Are you, or is someone you live with:

- **75 years old or older?** You are eligible to apply for a free [Over 75 TV Licence](#). Call 0300 790 6112 with your National Insurance number to hand or visit tvlicensing.co.uk/over75info
- **Blind and can provide the appropriate evidence?** You are eligible to apply for a 50% [blind concession on your TV Licence](#). If you are partially sighted (sight impaired) you are not eligible. To find out more, go to tvlicensing.co.uk/blind

What if I don't need a licence?

If you [don't need a TV Licence](#), you still need to let TV Licensing know.