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Concessionary TV Licence and refunds

You need a TV Licence if you watch or record television programmes as they are being shown on TV. It does not make any difference what equipment you use - whether it is a laptop, PC, mobile phone, digital box, DVD recorder or a TV set, you will still need to have a TV Licence.

You do not need a TV Licence to view video clips on the internet, as long as what you are viewing is not being shown on TV at the same time as you are viewing it.

The full cost of a Colour Television Licence is £154.50

A Black & White Television Licence is £52

The following concessions are available

Registered Blind (or severely sight impaired)

If you or someone you live with is registered blind, you qualify to receive a 50% concession on the cost of your TV Licence. If the person who is registered blind is not the current licence holder for your address, it is first necessary to transfer the licence into their name.

To claim the concession, a copy of the certificate from your local authority or ophthalmologist indicating that you are registered blind, needs to be provided. It should be posted, along with your licence renewal notice (if you have one) and the payment, by cheque or postal order, to TV Licensing, Blind Concession Group, Darlington, DL98 1TL. Remember to include your name, address, telephone number and TV Licence number. You will not need to provide this information again when you renew your TV Licence.

This year, the cost of a TV licence for anyone who is registered blind will be £77.25 for a Colour Licence and £26 for a Black and White.

Free TV Licences for over 75s.

Anyone who is 75 or over is entitled to a free Over 75 TV Licence for their main address, even if they live with younger relatives or friends. If not the current licence holder, the name on the existing licence needs to be amended to the person claiming the concession. For further information contact: 0300 790 6117.

A licence holder aged 74, and who will turn 75 before renewal of the TV Licence is due, is qualified to buy a Short Term TV Licence, covering their main address until their 75th birthday. Payment covers just the number of months between the licence renewal date and the birthday month.

ARC Concessionary TV Licence

Retired persons over 60 years of age and disabled persons, living in accommodation covered by a concessionary licence, may be able to obtain a licence to cover the use of TV in their own accommodation for an annual fee of £7.50.

An ARC (Accommodation for Residential Care) Concessionary Licence is a special licence for people in these categories who live in certain types of accommodation. The authority or organisation responsible for your accommodation must make the application on your behalf. A person who watches TV only in communal rooms does not need a licence.

TV Licensing Payment Card

The Licensing Payment Card allows you to spread the cost of your TV Licence fee by making regular weekly or monthly payments by cash, credit or debit card. For more information call 0300 555 0286.

For further information concerning concessionary television licensing please contact:

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