



Traditional Radio Licence

Am I eligible for this licence?

You will likely require the Traditional Radio Licence if you operate a commercial radio station broadcasting nationally, regionally or locally on AM, FM, DAB or DTT (Freeview) and your station:

- Includes a variety of both music and non-music (e.g. talk, news, weather, travel etc.) content in its broadcast output; and
- Is funded by third party revenues such as advertising or sponsorship.

What fees will I have to pay?

The fees payable under PPL's Traditional Radio Licence are the greater of the minimum fee(s) or a share of Net Broadcasting Revenue ("NBR" – 85% of gross broadcasting revenue).

Minimum fees

The minimum per platform fees and test transmissions fee are increased every three years by applying the movement in the RPI over those three years.

The annual fees that apply from the Licence Year ending 30 September 2019 to the Licence Year ending 30 September 2021 are as follows:

Platform	Minimum fee
AM/FM	£779
Local DAB	£779
Local DAB Simulcast	£142
National DAB	£1,418
Satellite Simulcast	£1,418
Local Cable Simulcast	£142
National Cable Simulcast	£1,418
DTT	£1,418
Internet Simulcast	£1,418
Test transmissions	£347 per month/part-month

NBR thresholds

The thresholds are adjusted annually on 1 October in each Licence Year, reflecting any movement in the RPI.

The NBR thresholds for the Licence Year ending 30 September 2021 are as follows:

NBR threshold	Rate
Up to £41,889	Minimum per platform fee(s)
£41,890 to £782,850	2% of NBR
£782,851 to £1,565,698	3% of NBR
£1,565,699 or greater	5% of NBR

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