



LICENSING FOR LONG TERM HOSPITAL RADIO SERVICES – THE PPL HOSPITAL RADIO LICENCE

PPL offers a Hospital Radio Licence for long-term hospital radio services broadcasting in the UK on OFCOM-licensed low power AM/FM frequencies or via hardwired (closed circuit or induction loop) services.

This licence also recognises the need for hospital radio services to make and store digital copies of PPL recorded music tracks for the purposes of broadcasting and where these rights are required they can be included for an additional fee.

Please note that any hospital radio service broadcasting on AM/FM for a period of 28 days or less will require the PPL Short Term Restricted Service Licence (RSL).

Licence terms

Subject to the appropriate payments being made, the PPL Hospital Radio Licence will allow qualifying stations:

- to include recorded music tracks in broadcasts via low powered AM or low powered FM; and
- to include recorded music tracks in a service delivered via hardwired systems provided that the listener is not required to pay for the reception of the station; and
- to copy recorded music tracks onto a database (and back-up database) and for the sole purpose of subsequently including those tracks in their broadcasts.

For the avoidance of doubt, the licence does not provide for the public performance of recorded music tracks or the inclusion of recorded music tracks:

- in transmissions within closed proprietary systems and closed private networks or mobile phone networks.
- in any form of internet service (including a simulcast).

Internet radio broadcasts

For any service intending to broadcast via the internet, either in addition to an AM/FM or hardwire broadcast or as the only method of transmitting the hospital radio service, then a PPL Linear Webcast Licence will be required. More details on this licence are available at: [PPL's Online Radio & Services page](#)

Fees

The following fees are payable, dependent upon your service's method of broadcast:

METHOD OF BROADCAST	LICENCE FEES
AM / FM	£694 (+VAT)
Hardwire (Closed Circuit or Induction Loop)	£185 (+VAT)



For those stations requiring the right to copy recorded music tracks onto a database (and back-up database) for the purpose of broadcasting, an additional fee will be required, as follows:

DATABASE CAPACITY	DUBBING FEES
5,000 Sound Recordings	£41
6,000 Sound Recordings	£46
7,000 Sound Recordings	£51
8,000 Sound Recordings	£56
9,000 Sound Recordings	£62

If a service wishes to retain more than 9,000 Tracks on its database it should contact PPL's Licensing team for assistance.

Music usage reporting

PPL will not require regular reporting on the music that is used but will have the option to request reporting on music use as and when is deemed appropriate.

To apply for a PPL Hospital Radio Licence, please complete and return the application form on PPL's website:

<https://www.ppluk.com/music-licensing/radio-tv-and-online-licensing/hospital-radio/>

For more information, please contact PPL's Licensing team by email at radiobroadcasting@ppluk.com.