

PPL and PRS for Music Joint Licence for Community Radio

Licence summary – 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020



Am I eligible for this licence?

The PPL and *PRS for Music* Joint Licence for Community Radio (the “**Joint Licence**”) is available to all Ofcom-licensed community radio stations.

What does the Joint Licence cover me to do?

The Joint Licence grants the rights required for Ofcom-licensed community radio stations to broadcast and simulcast music to listeners in the UK, along with some other ancillary rights. The key rights include:

- The **AM/FM broadcast** and **internet simulcast** of PPL and *PRS for Music* repertoire;
- The optional right to simulcast the AM/FM broadcast by way of **small scale DAB**;
- The **copying** of PPL and *PRS for Music* repertoire onto databases and servers only for the purposes of providing the broadcast and internet simulcast (and, if applicable, the small scale DAB simulcast service); and
- The **public performance** of PPL and *PRS for Music* repertoire within the premises from which the station is broadcast, as included within the licensed station’s broadcast or simulcast only.

Standard exclusions and restrictions relating to the exploitation of PPL and *PRS for Music* repertoire apply and are set out in the [full Joint Licence agreement](#).

What fees will I have to pay?

The fees payable under the Joint Licence are the greater of the minimum fee(s) or a share of Net Broadcasting Revenue (“**NBR**” – 85% of gross broadcasting revenue). The fees for the 2020 calendar year are as follows:

Joint Licence minimum fees and NBR thresholds			
NBR Lower Threshold	NBR Upper Threshold	PPL Annual Fee	PRS for Music Annual Fee
£0	£756,654	Greater of 2% of NBR or: (1) £704 payable for the AM/FM broadcast; <u>PLUS, if applicable:</u> (2) For licensees providing an internet simulcast service: (a) £234.68 if the service allows up to 200 concurrent user streams; or (b) £1,418 if the service allows more than 200 concurrent user streams; <u>PLUS, if applicable:</u> (3) If the service simulcasts on small scale DAB, £219.32 for the first multiplex, and £142 for each additional multiplex.	Greater of 3% of NBR or £1,033
£756,655	£1,535,239	3% of NBR	4% of NBR
£1,535,240	-	5% of NBR	5.25% of NBR

When do I need to make payment?

Licensed stations will be invoiced the minimum fee(s) on a quarterly basis, in January, April, July and October each year. The fees are due within 28 days of the beginning of each quarter (e.g. the minimum quarterly fee for the period 1 January to 31 March is payable by 28 January). If a licensed station chooses to make payment by Direct Debit, it can spread payment of each quarterly invoice over three months.

What reporting will I need to provide?

One annual report will be required within 28 days of the end of each calendar year. This annual report will need to detail the NBR generated by a licensed station as well as confirm the details of the internet simulcast service and small scale DAB simulcast service (if applicable) operated in the previous calendar year.

Further questions?

You may find the answer to your question from reviewing the [Community Radio](#) section on PPL's website. Alternatively, you can contact PPL using the following details:

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