

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE BBC ABOUT TV LICENCES FOR PEOPLE AGED 75 OR OVER

The key message is that if you are aged 75 or over and covered by a free TV licence expiring on 31 July 2020¹, you do not have to do anything to stay properly licensed until we write to you. We will be sending letters from August. This General Notice applies in the UK only.

GENERAL NOTICE

1. If you are aged 75 or over and have a free TV licence that expires on 31 July 2020, this Notice applies to your licence.²
2. We will be sending letters from August which will ask you to confirm arrangements to—
 - continue your free licence if you receive Pension Credit,³ or
 - pay for your licence for the period starting on 1 August 2020.
3. We will also explain what you need to do if you no longer need a licence because you never watch or record live TV programmes on any channel or any device, and never download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer.
4. You do not have to do anything until we write to you. This Notice extends your TV licence so it will not expire until it is replaced by a new free or paid-for licence, or it is cancelled.
5. The other terms of your TV licence will remain as set out in the licence (as set out here for your convenience).

Anyone who is aged 75 or over and receives⁴ Pension Credit will be entitled to a free TV licence from 1 August 2020

6. If you have already applied for a free licence we are processing your application and you should receive your new free licence from the end of July. If you haven't applied, you do not need to do anything now. Our letter will explain what you need to provide to get your free licence. In the meantime, your existing licence is automatically extended by this General Notice.

¹ In May 2020, the BBC extended all licences for those aged 75 or over from 31 May to 31 July 2020 by way of general notice: <https://www.bbc.com/aboutthebbc/reports/consultation/age-related-tv-licence-policy/general-notice> https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/age?wt.mc_id=bbc_pr_o75_english or https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/oedran?wt.mc_id=bbc_pr_o75_cymraeg.

² This Notice also applies if you will be turning 75 before 1 August 2020 and you are applying for a free TV licence to cover you until that date.

³ The entitlement to free TV licences for people aged 75 or over receiving Pension Credit is found in the BBC's Determination made under section 365A of the Communications Act 2003 dated 28 June 2019 <https://www.bbc.com/aboutthebbc/reports/consultation/age-related-tv-licence-policy#consultationresponsesandsupportingevidence>

⁴ Or, if you are in a couple, that your partner, living in the same household, receives it.

Anyone who does not receive Pension Credit will have to pay for their TV licence for the period starting on 1 August 2020 but you do not have to do or pay anything until we write to you.

7. If you are not receiving Pension Credit, you must pay the annual fee of £157.50. The licence fee can be paid in one go, or spread over a number of monthly, fortnightly or weekly instalments at no extra cost. When you apply, we will send you a payment plan which will give exact details of your payments, but further information can be found [here](#). We will be writing to you from August to ask you to confirm how you want to pay. You do not need to do anything, or pay anything, until you get our letter.
8. For those who live in Accommodation for Residential Care⁵ your licences will remain free.
9. For those registered blind you will only need to pay half the fee.

If the licence holder has died

10. If the holder of an over-75 free TV licence expiring on 31 July 2020⁶ has died, anyone covered by the licence will stay licensed until we contact you. You do not need to take any action until then.

If you never watch or record live TV programmes or download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer

11. If you no longer need a licence because you never watch or record live TV programmes on any channel or device, and never download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer, you can contact us and we will cancel your licence.⁷ You will not owe us anything.

If you do not reply to our letter

12. We will also cancel your licence if you do not reply to our letter within two months of receiving it. You will not owe us anything but if you contact us after your licence has been cancelled and ask for a licence we may backdate your licence to 1 August 2020 if you have been watching or recording live TV programmes on any channel or device, or downloading or watching BBC programmes on

⁵ That is, a residence currently falling within the definitions in Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004. If you are 75 or over and had preserved rights in a former ARC scheme (see paragraphs 12 and 13 of that Schedule) your licence will also be free whether you receive Pension Credit or not: see the BBC's determination of 2 March 2020 (<http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/reports/consultation/age/further-determination-02-03-20.pdf>) as amended on 25 March 2020 (<http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/reports/consultation/age/variation-of-determination.pdf>).

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⁷ If you contact us before 1 August 2020 to cancel your licence, we will not extend your licence beyond 1 August.

iPlayer, after that date.⁸

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⁸ It is a criminal offence under section 363 of the Communications Act 2003 to watch or record live TV programmes on any channel or device, or download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer, without having a TV licence. The maximum fine is £1000.

LINKS

The conditions of your TV licence as extended by this notice include the following	
<p>About your TV Licence This licence lets you use and install TV receiving equipment at the licensed place. You are covered to: a) watch and record programmes as they're being shown on TV or live on an online TV service, including programmes streamed over the internet and satellite programmes from outside the UK, and b) watch and download BBC programmes on demand, including catch up TV, on BBC iPlayer.</p> <p>This can be on any device, including TVs, desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones, tablets, games consoles, digital boxes, DVD, Blu-ray and VHS recorders, or anything else.</p> <p>You and anyone who normally lives here with you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and install TV receiving equipment here at the licensed place. • Use and install TV receiving equipment in vehicles, boats and caravans (except non-touring caravans when someone is watching or recording TV at the licensed place). • Use TV receiving equipment anywhere on any device powered solely by its own internal batteries. 	<p>You and anyone who normally works here with you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and install TV receiving equipment here at the licensed place. • Use and install TV receiving equipment in vehicles, boats or caravans used for business purposes. <p>This licence does not cover areas occupied solely by tenants, lodgers or paying guests. The licence might also not cover areas that are self-contained, areas covered by separate legal arrangements or areas of business premises used for a different purpose. Please contact us to find out more.</p> <p>Other conditions. We can cancel or change your licence. If we cancel it, we will let you know. If we change the licence conditions, we will publish a general notice on the BBC website and, if we consider it appropriate, in other national media. Our Officers may visit to check our records and inspect your TV receiving equipment. You don't have to let them in.</p> <p>Your TV receiving equipment must not cause unreasonable interference to radio or TV reception. Even if you have a black and white TV, you need a colour licence to record any live TV or download BBC programmes on iPlayer. Please contact us to find out more.</p>

Payment tables for 75+ Plan Direct Debit

A. Licence including colour

Monthly												
Payment start date	1 (Aug)	2 (Sep)	3 (Oct)	4 (Nov)	5 (Dec)	6 (Jan)	7 (Feb)	8 (Mar)	9 (Apr)	10 (May)	11 (Jun)	12 (Jul)
01-Aug	13.18	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12
01-Sep		14.40	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31
01-Oct			15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75
01-Nov				17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
01-Dec					19.74	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68

B. Licence, black and white only

Monthly												
Payment start date	1 (Aug)	2 (Sep)	3 (Oct)	4 (Nov)	5 (Dec)	6 (Jan)	7 (Feb)	8 (Mar)	9 (Apr)	10 (May)	11 (Jun)	12 (Jul)
01-Aug	4.49	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41
01-Sep		4.90	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81
01-Oct			5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30
01-Nov				5.96	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88
01-Dec					6.66	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62

Payment tables for 75+ Plan Payment Card

A. Licence including colour

Monthly												
Payment start date	1 (Aug)	2 (Sep)	3 (Oct)	4 (Nov)	5 (Dec)	6 (Jan)	7 (Feb)	8 (Mar)	9 (Apr)	10 (May)	11 (Jun)	12 (Jul)
01-Aug	13.18	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.12
01-Sep		14.40	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31	14.31
01-Oct			15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75
01-Nov				17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
01-Dec					19.74	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68	19.68

Fortnightly				
Payment Start Date	1st payment	No. of further payments	Amount of each further payment	Total
1 August	5.92	26	5.83	157.50
1 September	6.62	23	6.56	157.50
1 October	7.35	21	7.15	157.50
1 November	7.97	19	7.87	157.50
1 December	8.75	17	8.75	157.50

Weekly				
Payment Start Date	1st payment	No. of further payments	Amount of each further payment	Total
1 August	3.06	52	2.97	157.50
1 September	3.34	47	3.28	157.50
1 October	3.99	43	3.57	157.50
1 November	4.36	38	4.03	157.50
1 December	4.50	34	4.50	157.50

B. Licence, black and white only

Monthly												
Payment start date	1 (Aug)	2 (Sep)	3 (Oct)	4 (Nov)	5 (Dec)	6 (Jan)	7 (Feb)	8 (Mar)	9 (Apr)	10 (May)	11 (Jun)	12 (Jul)
01-Aug	4.49	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.41
01-Sep		4.90	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81
01-Oct			5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30
01-Nov				5.96	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88
01-Dec					6.66	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62

Fortnightly				
Payment Start Date	1st payment	No. of further payments	Amount of each further payment	Total
1 August	2.04	26	1.96	53.00
1 September	2.40	23	2.20	53.00
1 October	2.60	21	2.40	53.00
1 November	2.65	19	2.65	53.00
1 December	3.02	17	2.94	53.00