



Not moved in yet?

A TV Licence can only be issued to you in the month during which your term starts. However, you can register your details on the TV Licensing web site and they will email you nearer the time to remind you to get your TV Licence.

It is very easy to get a TV license from the post office and there are a number of ways you can pay. You can spread the cost with a Direct Debit, which lets you pay the fee in manageable monthly installments. Or you can join the Cash Easy Entry Scheme, which lets you pay in weekly or fortnightly installments.

Remember if you are watching a TV without a license then you are taking a chance that your cheap night in will cost you £1000!

People in the past who have been caught without a TV License, have been given time to go and get one, however many students have been given the thousand pound fine. So it's probably best not to take the chance.

Information can also be found on the TV Licensing web page: [tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-AUD1/](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-AUD1/)

**The information above was last updated in 11/11. However, we recommend before you make any decision or enter into any agreement you carry out your own checks.**

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Appointments can often be arranged outside our published times so please ask. We will usually be able to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours during term-time, but often more quickly.



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## Advice Centre



## TV LICENSING

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### Do I need a license?

If you have a TV or any other device to receive or record TV programmes (for example, a VCR, set-top box, DVD recorder, mobile phone, laptop or PC with a broadcast card) – you will need a TV Licence. You are required by law to have one.



### Do I need my own licence if I live in shared accommodation?

If you are going to be sharing a house, a separate tenancy agreement would normally mean your room is classified a separately occupied place. In this case, if you have a TV in your room, you will need your own TV Licence. However, if there is only one TV in a communal area, then only one TV Licence is required. Similarly, if your house can be treated as one place shared by all, then only one TV Licence is required – a joint tenancy agreement would normally indicate that there is only one separately occupied place.



### How can I get a refund?

You can download and print a refund form from the web site: [tvlicensing.co.uk/update/refund/applyForRefund.aspx](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/update/refund/applyForRefund.aspx)



### Aren't I covered by my parents's license whilst i'm away?

No, unless your TV is powered by internal batteries, such as a pocket-sized TV. If you think that this is the case, please call **0300 790 6131** to check that you are eligible for cover on your parents' licence.



### Do I have to pay for the whole year even if I go home for the summer?

If you are going away for the summer and you're not going to need your licence again before it expires, you can claim a refund for any completely unused quarter (three consecutive calendar months e.g. July, August, September).

You'll probably need to buy your TV Licence at the beginning of your first term in order to receive a refund, so the earlier you get it, the better chance you have of claiming some money back.



### Don't know your term time address yet?

If you don't know what your term time address will be yet, you will be unable to buy your TV Licence now. However, you can register your details on the TV Licensing web site:- [tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-AUD1/](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-AUD1/)



### What if I live in halls of residence?

You are not covered by your Halls of Residence licence unless you only watch TV in a communal area. If you watch or record TV programmes in your room, you need your own TV licence.