



SFE TARIFF PPLPP299 - Nightclubs, Pubs / Bars, Restaurants / Cafés, and Hotels

This tariff is effective from 1 January 2023.

1. Scope of tariff (activities)

This tariff is for the public use of sound recordings as Specially Featured Entertainment (“SFE”) save where the public performances are specifically covered by another of PPL’s tariffs. Examples of SFE include discos, dances and DJ sets/presentations (the latter is where a DJ is used to play the sound recordings).

The tariff applies regardless of whether the recordings are played at the venue (for example, from vinyl, CDs and memory devices such as hard drives) or are transmitted to the venue (for example, by an internet stream).

Where sound recordings are also used as background music, the appropriate public performance tariff(s) should also be applied.

2. Scope of tariff (venues)

This tariff is for the use of PPL’s sound recordings as SFE in:

- Nightclubs
- Pubs and bars
- Restaurants and cafés
- Hotels.

3. Fees

The fees for an SFE event under this tariff are based on:

- The number of persons attending that SFE event (in units of 25 persons) (see Section 4 of this tariff); and
- The duration of that SFE event (see Section 5 of this tariff).

The fees for each unit of 25 persons are based on an underlying rate per person per hour.

The fees depend upon the relevant Licence Year and this tariff is subject to transitional arrangements in relation to the underlying rate per person per hour and the application of temporary discounts for events with attendances of 301 or more persons.

3A. Licence Years

The fees for an SFE event depend upon the start date of the Licence Year in which the event takes place. For each customer the start of a Licence Year is the start date of their licence or the anniversary of that date.

Licence Year example

The customer’s licence starts on 1 July 2022. The first Licence Year for that customer will start on 1 July 2022 and subsequent Licence Years will start on 1 July of each subsequent year.

If the customer holds an SFE event on 1 February 2025 the applicable fees will be those for the year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 as the Licence Year started between those two dates.



3B. The underlying rate

Changes to the underlying rate per person per hour, and consequently to the fee for each unit of 25 persons, will be phased in over the first six years of the operation of the tariff, as follows:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start of Customer's Licence Year	1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024	1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025	1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027	1 January 2028 to 31 December 2028
Underlying rate per person per hour	3.5 pence	4 pence	4.5 pence	5 pence	5.5 pence	5.75 pence
Fee per unit of 1-25 persons per hour	£0.88	With effect from Year 2, the fees in this tariff will be adjusted for indexation using the Consumer Prices Index (All Items), comparing the rate in September of the preceding year to the rate in September 2022.				

From 1 January 2029 the underlying rate per person per hour will be the rate for the preceding year adjusted by indexation using the Consumer Prices Index (All Items), comparing the rate in September of the preceding year to the rate in September of the year before.

Indexation examples

Example 1

*For any Licence Year starting in Year 1, the fee per hour for each unit of 25 persons will be **£0.88** (3.5 pence multiplied by 25).*

Example 2

*For any Licence Year starting in Year 2, the fee per hour for each unit of 25 persons will be **£1.00** (4 pence multiplied by 25), adjusted by comparing the Consumer Prices Index (All Items) rate in September 2023 to the rate in September 2022.*

Example 3

*For any Licence Year starting in Year 4, the fee per hour for each unit of 25 persons will be **£1.25** (5 pence multiplied by 25), adjusted by comparing the Consumer Prices Index (All Items) rate in September 2025 to the rate in September 2022.*

Example 4

For any Licence Year starting in the year from 1 January 2030 to 31 December 2030, the fee per hour for each unit of 25 persons will be the fee for the year from 1 January 2029 to 31 December 2029, adjusted by comparing the Consumer Prices Index (All Items) rate in September 2029 to the rate in September 2028.

3C. Temporary attendance adjustments

The following temporary discounts will apply to events with attendances of 301 or more persons.

No discounts apply for any Licence Years starting on or after 1 January 2031.

Each discount only applies to the event, not to the total fees due under this tariff.

	Phasing-in discounts (per SFE event)								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Start of customer's Licence Year	1 Jan 2023	1 Jan 2024	1 Jan 2025	1 Jan 2026	1 Jan 2027	1 Jan 2028	1 Jan 2029	1 Jan 2030	1 Jan 2031
301-400 actual attendance	7%	7%	6%	6%	4%	4%	2%	2%	0%
401-500 actual attendance	10%	10%	7.5%	7.5%	5%	5%	2.5%	2.5%	0%
501-600 actual attendance	12%	12%	9%	9%	6%	6%	3%	3%	0%
601-700 actual attendance	14%	14%	10.5%	10.5%	7%	7%	3.5%	3.5%	0%
701-800 actual attendance	16%	16%	12%	12%	9%	9%	4%	4%	0%
801-900 actual attendance	18%	18%	13.5%	13.5%	9%	9%	4.5%	4.5%	0%
901-1,000 actual attendance	20%	20%	15%	15%	10%	10%	5%	5%	0%
1,001+ actual attendance	21.5%	21.5%	17%	17%	12%	12%	6%	5%	0%

Attendance examples

For ease of reference, the fees for events with attendances of up to 500 persons and durations of up to 6 hours are set out in the table in Section 11 of this tariff. To illustrate how the tariff works, examples of fee calculations are set out below.

Example 1

An SFE event is held in a Licence Year starting in Year 1. The attendance is 90 (which equates to 4 units of 1-25 persons). The duration is 3 hours.

The fee for the event will be **£10.56** (i.e. £0.88 x 4 units of 1-25 persons x 3 hours).

Example 2

An SFE event is held in a Licence Year starting in Year 1. The attendance is 495 (which equates to 20 units of 1-25 persons). The duration is 4 hours.

The fee for the event will be **£63.36** (i.e. £0.88 x 20 units of 1-25 persons x 4 hours, subject to a discount of 10%).

Example 3

Another SFE event is held in a Licence Year starting in Year 4. The attendance is 170 (which equates to 7 units of 1-25 persons). The duration is 3.5 hours.

The fee for the event will be **£30.63** (i.e. £1.25 x 7 units of 1-25 persons x 3.5 hours), subject to indexation.



Example 4

An SFE event is held in a Licence Year starting in Year 4. The attendance is 495 (which equates to 20 units of 1-25 persons). The duration is 4 hours.

The fee for the event will be **£92.50** (i.e. 1.25 x 20 units of 1-25 persons x 4 hours, (subject to a discount of 7.5%)), subject to indexation.

4. Attendance

The attendance for each SFE event is to be reported on the basis of actual admission figures.

The total number of persons admitted for an SFE event includes all persons admitted to the premises for the SFE event, including those present at the start of the event, and excluding staff on duty at the event.

5. Duration

The duration of an SFE event shall be the time period from the start of the SFE event to the finish of the SFE event.

The duration should be rounded up to one hour (for SFE events with a duration of less than 1 hour) or up to the nearest half hour (for all other SFE events).

6. Surcharge

Where sound recordings have been played in public as part of an SFE event without first obtaining a licence or paying the licence fees for that Licence Year in accordance with the terms of this tariff, the fees for that Licence Year will be subject to a surcharge.

This surcharge will be 50% of the standard fee and will be subject to a cap of £1,000 for each site at which SFE events took place in that Licence Year (the "Surcharge Cap").

As part of the transitional arrangements for the launch of this tariff, the surcharge will not be applied for any Licence Year starting in Year 1. With effect from Year 2, the Surcharge Cap will be adjusted annually by indexation using the Consumer Prices Index (All Items), comparing the rate in September of the preceding year to the rate in September of the year before.

7. VAT

VAT should be added at the prevailing rate to all charges under this tariff.

8. Minimum Fee

The fees in this tariff are subject to PPL's minimum annual fee per licensee.

9. Record keeping

Licensees must keep written records of the attendance and duration information required under this tariff for all SFE events that take place in each Licence Year and provide them on request. PPL will also use the capacity information provided by licensees to PPL PRS Ltd to check the attendance data provided.



10. Terms and conditions

Licences granted under this tariff are subject to the "TheMusicLicence Terms and Conditions", a copy of which can be found on the PPL PRS Ltd website.

11. Tariff Fee Table for Year 1 commencing on 1 January 2023.

The fees (in £) below apply for any Licence Year starting from any date from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Attendance (persons)	Duration (hours)										
	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6
1-25	0.88	1.32	1.76	2.20	2.64	3.08	3.52	3.96	4.40	4.84	5.28
26-50	1.76	2.64	3.52	4.40	5.28	6.16	7.04	7.92	8.80	9.68	10.56
51-75	2.64	3.96	5.28	6.60	7.92	9.24	10.56	11.88	13.20	14.52	15.84
76-100	3.52	5.28	7.04	8.80	10.56	12.32	14.08	15.84	17.60	19.36	21.12
101-125	4.40	6.60	8.80	11.00	13.20	15.40	17.60	19.80	22.00	24.20	26.40
126-150	5.28	7.92	10.56	13.20	15.84	18.48	21.12	23.76	26.40	29.04	31.68
151-175	6.16	9.24	12.32	15.40	18.48	21.56	24.64	27.72	30.80	33.88	36.96
176-200	7.04	10.56	14.08	17.60	21.12	24.64	28.16	31.68	35.20	38.72	42.24
201-225	7.92	11.88	15.84	19.80	23.76	27.72	31.68	35.64	39.60	43.56	47.52
226-250	8.80	13.20	17.60	22.00	26.40	30.80	35.20	39.60	44.00	48.40	52.80
251-275	9.68	14.52	19.36	24.20	29.04	33.88	38.72	43.56	48.40	53.24	58.08
276-300	10.56	15.84	21.12	26.40	31.68	36.96	42.24	47.52	52.80	58.08	63.36
301-325	10.64	15.96	21.28	26.60	31.92	37.24	42.56	47.88	53.20	58.52	63.84
326-350	11.46	17.19	22.92	28.64	34.37	40.10	45.83	51.56	57.29	63.02	68.75
351-375	12.28	18.41	24.55	30.69	36.83	42.97	49.10	55.24	61.38	67.52	73.66
376-400	13.09	19.64	26.19	32.74	39.28	45.83	52.38	58.92	65.47	72.02	78.57
401-425	13.91	20.87	27.83	34.78	41.74	48.69	55.65	62.61	69.56	76.52	83.48
426-450	14.26	21.38	28.51	35.64	42.77	49.90	57.02	64.15	71.28	78.41	85.54
451-475	15.05	22.57	30.10	37.62	45.14	52.67	60.19	67.72	75.24	82.76	90.29
476-500	15.84	23.76	31.68	39.60	47.52	55.44	63.36	71.28	79.20	87.12	95.04

The fees for SFE events with attendances of more than 500 persons will increase in direct proportion to the attendance (in bands of 25 persons).

Example 1

An SFE event is held in a Licence Year starting in Year 1. The attendance is 890 (which equates to 36 units of 1-25 persons). The duration is 5.5 hours.

The fee for the event will be **£142.88** (i.e. £0.88 x 36 units of 1-25 persons x 5.5 hours, subject to the temporary discount of 18% for Year 1 in Section 3C of this tariff).

The fees for events with durations of more than 6 hours will increase in direct proportion to the duration of the event (in half hour bands).

Example 2

An SFE event is held in a Licence Year starting in Year 1. The attendance is 170 (which equates to 7 units of 1-25 persons). The duration is 8.5 hours.

The fee for the event will be **£52.36** (i.e. £0.88 x 7 units of 1-25 persons x 8.5 hours).