



PPLPP116

# TARIFF FOR THE PUBLIC USE OF SOUND RECORDINGS

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## COMMUNITY BUILDINGS TARIFF

THIS TARIFF IS EFFECTIVE FROM 01-APR-25 TO 31-MAR-26

### Scope of tariff

This tariff applies (subject to the other terms set out below) to the playing in public of sound recordings within the repertoire controlled by PPL at:

- Community buildings run by voluntary organisations such as community centres, village/memorial/parochial halls, separate church halls serving the community at large, women's institutes, welfare institutes and comparable premises in respect of their use for a miscellany of entertainments or functions at which sound recordings are played in public

### Exclusions

This tariff does not apply to:

- buildings run by statutory bodies such as local authorities (e.g. county, district, town, borough, parish, or similar councils). These will be licensed under the relevant PPL tariffs.
- church halls confined to activities of an associated church congregation. These will be licensed under PPL's church tariff
- musical events for which the price of admission (whether by ticket, programme or otherwise) is £20 or more, which are chargeable under PPL's appropriate tariff(s);
- jukeboxes (as PPL licenses jukeboxes via the jukebox operators/hirers);
- any third party hire to commercial organisations and individuals earning an income from providing the activity such as aerobics classes, practice and social dance classes/sessions or any event where the profit does not go entirely to the voluntary organisation (to this extent, responsibility for holding the relevant PPL licence rests with the hiring third party).

### Notes

#### Inflation Adjustment

Every year on 1 April the annual defined income threshold and flat fee applicable under this tariff will be adjusted for inflation. The adjustment formula will use the mean (to the nearest whole percentage point) of the percentages by which the Retail Prices Index and Average Weekly Earnings index (unadjusted) change in the year to the previous November. After application of the inflation adjustment each fee will be rounded to the nearest fifty pence.

#### Occasional Permits

If a community building holds a single event a year using recorded music and does not require an annual licence, PPL may at its discretion issue a permit for this event at a cost of £25.00.

#### Licence fees

The fees set out below cover the following uses of sound recordings under this tariff:

- as background music at the community building (irrespective of the means of playing the recordings such as CDs, radio broadcasts or television broadcasts), other than background music provided by jukeboxes;
- in variety shows, talent contests and pantomimes (if within the rights controlled by PPL);
- during balls, dances, discotheques, and other social events with dancing;
- as part of music quizzes;
- during aerobic, keep fit, dance and exercise classes;
- during bingo sessions; bazaars and exhibitions; and
- as telephone music on hold.

### Licence Fees

**Annual Defined Income**  
(see calculation notes below)

**Annual Fee**

£12,020 or lower

Flat fee of £71.00

Over £11,080

1% of income

VAT is applicable to all fees at the current rate.

## Notes

### **How to calculate Income for the purposes of this tariff**

The following notes explain how to calculate income, known as “**defined income**,” for the purposes of this tariff:

- Income will normally be extracted from the last available publicly available annual accounts (i.e. full 12 months) of the voluntary organisation, association, trust, charity, institute or other body operating the community building.

### **When calculating your defined income, you should include:**

- door takings and similar takings of the host voluntary organisation (the community association or management committee)
- hiring charges received by the host voluntary organisation (the community organisation or management committee) from hirers of the building but excluding any hire income earned from solely Domestic Events (see definition below)
- subscriptions and
- the net contribution from food and bar takings where they accrue to the voluntary organisation.

### **When calculating your defined income, you should exclude:**

- Value Added Tax
- Capital grants
- Revenue grants
- Interest from accounts
- Gifts and donations whether or not specified by the donor for a particular purpose (such as capital building work or assets, legacies and bequests)
- Proceeds from the sale of donated goods or raffles/200 clubs
- Door takings or similar income retained by hirers of the building
- Contracts for the delivery of public services such as acting as a polling station (particularly where such income has replaced a grant)
- Income from other owned assets unrelated to the community building itself for example: car parks, managed woodland, equipment hire, catering businesses with off-site sales/distribution, sales of renewable electricity, EV Charging points hosting recycling bins, hiring out of sports fields where the hirers do not use the building

**Domestic events:** these are events such as weddings, christening, birthday parties etc. to celebrate an important family occasion and where the only attendees are family and close friends of the hirer and there is no charge for attending the event.