



We are sharing with you some changes to the licensing requirements within pubs, hotels and other accommodation providers in the UK.

In the last year, MPLC have been in discussions with the major trade hospitality associations negotiating a new standard tariff for the showing of free to air television programmes in pub guest rooms in pubs, hotel bedrooms and other accommodation providers. These discussions have arisen following changes to legislation in June 2016 in relation to the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988.

You will already be aware of PRS and PPL, both of whom introduced tariffs many years ago for music and sound recordings on television playing free to air broadcast in guest/hotel bedrooms. We now ask that you consider your use of television and film content in the same way and make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, this new MPLC licence for **Pub Guest Rooms and Hotel Bedrooms** is required in addition to the TV Licence and any other MPLC licence you may already hold for communal areas such as the bar, guest lounge, the gym or reception.

The new tariff negotiated with the trade associations includes a £4.00 + VAT per room 'Introductory Rate', a 25% seasonal discount for accommodation open less than 9 months per annum and unlike other licensing organisations, no minimum fee will be applied.

To apply for the licence, please complete and return the enclosed application form. Alternatively, please call a member of our licensing team to arrange a licence on **01323 356100**, email **application@mplc.com** or visit **www.themplc.co.uk**.

If you require further information, please refer to the enclosed **Frequently Asked Questions** or contact us at **hotelbedrooms@mplc.com** or call **01323 356100**.

Tariff Effective from 1st January 2020

This tariff is for the screening of audio-visual films and TV shows from our studio partners, whether broadcast on TV, on home entertainment DVD/Blu-ray or viewed from the internet in hotel bedrooms, pub guest rooms and other similar accommodation.

	Introductory Rate	Higher Rate
Per Bedroom	£4.00 + VAT	£6.00 + VAT

The “**Introductory Rate**” has been negotiated with the major trade hospitality associations. This will increase to £5.00 + VAT per room from 1st January 2021.

The “**Higher Rate**” is payable in the first year of the licence by those not applying when first approached. It is there to compensate for the additional costs involved detecting and taking action for these infringements of copyright.

Accommodation available less than 9 months per year will be subject to a 25% concession.

The fee is calculated on the total number of rooms. There is no minimum fee.

This tariff is subject to MPLC's Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is available on the MPLC website or obtained by contacting MPLC.

Q. Why am I being asked to buy an MPLC licence?

A. In June 2016 there was a change in copyright legislation which now requires a business to obtain a licence to show television programmes and/or films on their premises.

The use of home entertainment DVDs and downloads, whether rented or purchased are intended for home use only. Following recent changes to **Section 72** of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, this now include the showing of broadcast television in public. If a business screens TV programmes and/or films then this is considered a 'public performance' and licence required. It is an organisations responsibility to ensure that the correct licence is in place to cover television programmes and/or film use on company premises or guarantee that such content is not displayed.

Q. What is the MPLC Umbrella Licence?

A. The MPLC is the licence provider to over one thousand (1000) Hollywood and independent film studios together with TV producers. It is the licence required to screen their content legally in public. The licence allows unlimited showings of our studios' and producers content and there is no reporting of use or any other administration required. Just simple annual cover at one annual fee.

Q. We already hold a PRS/PPL Licence, why would we also need an MPLC Umbrella Licence?

A. The PRS/PPL are totally separate organisations to Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC). They manage music rights only. MPLC are providing the same service for Hollywood and independent film studios together with TV producers. Screening a film or TV programme whether broadcast on TV, on home entertainment DVD/Blu-ray or viewed from the internet requires a licence from MPLC.

Q. I already pay for a TV Licence. Why do I need an MPLC licence as well?

A. Your TV Licence covers the use and installation of TV receiving equipment at the premises specified on the licence. It doesn't cover business premises for the public performance of copyright material contained within films and television programmes.

Q. How much is the licence for Hotel/Guest Bedrooms?

A. An "Introductory Rate" in the first year has been negotiated with the major trade hospitality associations of £4.00 + VAT per hotel/guest bedroom per annum.

Q. Is there a minimum fee?

A. No, the licence fee is per hotel/guest bedroom and unlike other licensing organisations and TV Licensing, no minimum fee will be applied.

Q. We are not open all year, is there any concession?

A. Accommodation available less than 9 months per year will be subject to a 25% concession.

Q. Why is there a Higher Rate and who pays it?

A. The 'Higher Rate' is payable in the first year of the licence by those not applying when first approached. It is there to compensate for the additional costs involved detecting and taking action for these infringements of copyright. This would of course be in addition to the copyright infringement itself which carries substantial statutory penalties.

Q. How can I get a licence?

A. To apply for your licence, please complete and return an application form. Alternatively, simply call one of our licensing team to arrange a licence on 01323 356100 or email application@mplc.com.

Q. Who are the MPLC?

A. The Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) was established over 30 years ago. The licence is now provided in over 30 countries around the world. This includes licensing within schools, on board coaches, trains, libraries, child-care centres, nurseries and kids clubs, in HM Prisons, on oil rigs, for corporate training, in churches, in healthcare centres, gyms, hotels, private clubs, bars and restaurants, within government services and within retailers.

MPLC are Corporate Affiliate Member of Trading Standards Institute (025343), part of their 'Buy with Confidence' Scheme (ref: 1588/05) and joined a Primary Authority Partnership with East Sussex Trading Standards. In addition we are a member of the Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT) organisation and listed with the government's Intellectual Property Office - www.gov.uk see – "Licensing bodies and collective management organisations".

Q. Who can I talk to for independent advice?

A: Trading Standards. We are part of their 'Buy with Confidence' Scheme (ref: 1588/05) and a Primary Authority Partnership with East Sussex Trading Standards. You can contact Citizens Advice or Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT).

Q. How can I contact MPLC?

E. hotelbedrooms@mplc.com
T. 01323 356100
W. www.themplc.co.uk





APPLICATION FORM

Hotel/Guest Bedrooms

To apply for the licence, please complete the shaded areas of the application form below.

Business Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ _____ Postcode: _____	Status: Client Reference: Date:
Tel:	_____
Email:	_____

Licensed address including postcode (if different from above):

The Total Number of Hotel/Guest Bedrooms as outlined in the appropriate tariff is as follows:

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Where you have more than one location, please add the details on page 2. Please indicate number of pages you have enclosed:

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MPLC will issue a licence and invoice based on the figures provided.

I hereby request and agree to an MPLC Umbrella Licence®, subject to the terms and conditions provided on-line at www.themplc.co.uk or upon registration.

Name:	_____	Signature:	_____
Job Title:	_____	Date:	_____

Please return your completed application form by email (application@mplc.com), fax (01323 439354) or to our Freepost address (no stamp required):

FREEPOST RRY5-KKRY-SLKU
Motion Picture Licensing Company
MPLC House,
4 Saffrons Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1DG

<i>For office use only:</i>	Client No:	Licence No:
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