

## **When do you need a TV licence?**

Your parents' TV licence will not cover you away from home. Anyone without a valid TV licence who watches or records television programmes on any channel (including terrestrial, satellite, cable or digital television channels) as they are being broadcast in the UK risks prosecution and a fine of up to £1000.

- If you live in halls of residence and use a TV in your own room, you need your own separate TV licence.
- You also need your own licence if you are sharing a house with other students and use a TV in your room, and your room is a separately occupied place (a separate tenancy agreement would normally indicate that this is the case).
- If you have a separate tenancy agreement but a television is only being used in a communal area, then only one licence is required.
- If you are sharing a house with other students and you use a TV in your own room, but the house can be treated as one place shared by all, then only one TV licence is required (a joint tenancy agreement would usually be evidence that the house is a single licensable place for this purpose).

## **Costs and refunds**

A TV licence currently costs £139.50, and a black and white licence is £47.50.

Most students would need to buy a TV licence at the beginning of term in October in order to allow enough time at the end of the year to qualify for a refund.

To arrange your refund, or if you require further information, please contact TV Licensing on 0844 800 6721.

TV Licensing wants to make it as easy as possible for people to pay for their TV licence. To find out about the many ways to pay, including over-the-counter services via PayPoint, and the ease of Direct Debit, visit [www.tvlicensing.co.uk/students](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/students) or call 0844 800 6721.