

Music Licensing

In the UK a license is required for musical performance of almost any kind.

Licences from PPL (Phonographic Performance Ltd) (www.ppluk.com) on 0207 437 0311, PRS (Performing Rights Society) (www.prs.co.uk) on 0345 581868 or 0207 580 5544, MCPS (Mechanical Copyright Protection Society) and others are required prior to playing any pre-recorded or live music to the public - this includes music from sources such as radio, tape, video, jukebox, TV, disc, record, computer, hard disc, live bands, discotheques, the Internet or any other device.

There are 2 main licensing bodies that cover the majority of applications.



The Performing Rights Society

Body that provides licenses for the broadcast of audio. Most sites with background music / live music will require this license.

<http://www.prs.co.uk/>



Phono graphic Performance License

If the music source is pre-recorded then a PPL license may also be required.

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