

License Fee for Public Broadcasting RUNDFUNKBEITRAG - INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS

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INFORMATION TO GO

License Fee at a glance.



Be entertained. Be informed.
Thanks to the licence fee.

Education, news, culture, entertainment or sport: Public service broadcasting offers a diversity of high-quality programmes on television, on the radio, online and in media libraries.

The German public service broadcasters are financed by the licence fee. This way of funding enables media coverage independent from commercial or political interests. It also ensures that everyone has free access to information through various media outlets.



For everyone. On every device.
Entertainment to suit your taste.

By paying the licence fee, you help to ensure an independent and high-quality public service broadcasting in Germany. Citizens, businesses, institutions, and public interest bodies all contribute towards the broadcasting fee.

This way, a range of programmes is also available for those who are not able to wholly or partially contribute themselves.



One fee. Some exceptions.
Exemptions and reductions.

In some cases, you may be exempt from the fee of €18.36 per month or be eligible for a discount.

Those who are eligible for exemption from the broadcasting fee include:

- People receiving unemployment benefit II (Arbeitslosengeld II), welfare benefits (Sozialhilfe) or old-age basic income support (Grundsicherung im Alter).
- Apprentices and students who are receiving student grants (BAföG) and no longer live with their parents.
- Deaf-blind people and recipients of blind person's support (Blindenhilfe).

A reduced fee is possible for:

- People with disabilities with the code "RF" in their disabled person's pass (Schwerbehindertenausweis) can apply to pay a reduced contribution of €6.12 per month, only one-third of the normal fee.

Exemptions or reductions must be applied for with relevant proof.

