



The law requires everyone, including students, to be covered by a licence if they use any device to receive television programmes as they are being shown on TV. This includes any TV set, DVD or video recorder, digital box, PC, laptop or mobile phone. **It's the law and there's no excuse for not being licensed, students are not exempt.**

Your parents' TV Licence won't cover you while you're away at university. There is just one exception to this rule: if you only use a device that's powered solely by its own internal batteries, you will be covered by your parents' Licence. However, you must not install the device (e.g. plug it into the mains) when using it to receive TV. To check whether this exception applies to you, call TV Licensing 0300 790 6131.

### **University Halls**

If you are living in a hall of residence and watching TV in your room, you must buy your own licence. At Glasney Parc the TV in the communal area is covered by the University television licence. At Tuke House, if a student brings and uses a TV in the communal area only one licence will need to be purchased by the owner of the set. If any other tenants have TV's in their rooms a separate licence for each will be required.

### **Private Rented Accommodation.**

If you live in private shared accommodation and have signed a joint tenancy agreement with your housemates, you'll only need one TV Licence to cover all the TV receivers in your house. So it's a good idea to share the cost.

**If you've signed a separate tenancy agreement and you're taking a TV receiver to use in your room, you'll need a TV Licence of your own.**

**It may cost less than you think.**

You can [pay it all at once](#) with your credit or debit card (£145.50 for colour) or spread the cost with [Direct Debit](#) (for as little as £12 a month) or a [cash payment card](#) (for as little as £5.60 a week).

If you move out of your term-time address for the summer months, you can ask us to give you back the cost of the licence for that time – which could be around £37. (As long as your licence is still valid for at least three full calendar months and you don't need it again before it expires.) Apply for a [refund](#).

If you use a digital box with a music system or another device that can only be used to produce sounds and can't display TV programmes, and you don't install or use any other TV receiving equipment, you don't need a TV Licence.

TV Licensing database lists every licensed and unlicensed address in the UK, including all types of student accommodation – both on and off campus. So they know whether an address is licensed or not. You should be aware that they catch on average more than 1,000 evaders a day, including students at university. They also visit student accommodation during the term.

Enforcement Officers regularly visit student accommodation to find those who are breaking this law. If caught, you may be interviewed under caution. You may then be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000. Plus you'll have to pay £145 for a colour TV Licence. If you don't have a licence between you, whoever is found watching TV when an Enforcement Officer comes to visit is the one who risks prosecution. It could be you, whether you own the TV or not. **BE WARNED, this could lead to a court appearance and if found guilty a criminal record.**

#### **Useful Contacts:**

##### **FXU Advice Service**

**Help with:** Money, Hardship Fund (Access to Learning Fund), benefits, childcare, housing, tenancy agreements, academic problems, student life!

We are here to help you!

Advice Service Available (Term time only):

**Tremough** Find us in the Annex (opposite the Refectory/Bar)  
Ring: 01326 370447 for an appointment

**Woodlane** Find us in the Library Building at Woodlane  
Ring: 01326 213742 for an appointment

**Email** [advice@fxu.org.uk](mailto:advice@fxu.org.uk)