



We are sharing with you important information about the recent significant changes to UK copyright law in regard to the showing of broadcast television within hotels, bars, restaurants and staff areas. These are important changes in the law that could affect your business.

What has changed and what does this mean?

The use of DVD/Blu-ray and downloads/streaming (whether film or TV programmes) by a business has been licensable under the provisions of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (CDPA) for some time, however, broadcast television was exempted. Following recent changes to Section 72 of the CDPA, the showing of broadcast films and television programmes in public now requires a licence. As a result, if films and TV programmes from our studio partners, whether broadcast on television (terrestrial television, Freeview or satellite services), on home entertainment DVD/Blu-ray or viewed from the internet are shown in hotels, bars, restaurants or staff areas of your business then an MPLC licence will now be required.

What do we need to do?

If you do show TV programmes and films within your location, whether broadcast on television, on home entertainment DVD/Blu-ray or viewed from the internet, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.

How much does it cost?

Total Area in square metres (m²)	Fee
1 - 500 m ²	£95.00 + VAT
501 - 750 m ²	£142.50 + VAT
751 - 1000 m ²	£190.00 + VAT
Over 1000 m ² Fees increase pro rata £9.50 per 50 m ²	

The 'Total area' means the area in square metres of all rooms/areas where televisions/screens are installed/situated. (to convert square feet into square metres, multiply the square footage by 0.09).

*Hotel bedrooms should not be included in the calculation of the 'Total Area'.

Gym/Workout or Fitness Areas run by the Hotel should be included, but a Gym, Health or Leisure Club run independently of a Hotel should use a separate tariff (Ref CLU1002).

'Background' is the playing of audio-visual content to create an atmosphere or ambience and is incidental, not essential to the main purposes of the event or organisation.

How do I obtain a Licence?

To apply for the licence, please complete and return the application form below to MPLC. We will send your licence and invoice by return. Alternatively, simply call one of our expert licensing representatives to arrange a licence on 01323 356100, email hospitalityuk@mplc.com or visit www.mplcuk.com

If you require further information please refer to the following Frequently Asked Questions or contact us hospitalityuk@mplc.com or call 01323 356100. Quoting reference: **137046**

Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. In June 2016 there was a change in copyright law which means that a business now requires 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, as per the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act. Following some recent changes to **Section 72** of the Act, this does now include the showing of broadcast television in public. If a business screens TV programmes and/or films then they are considered a 'public performance' and illegal unless licensed. It is an organisations responsibility to ensure 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 nine hundred (900) Hollywood, Bollywood and independent film studios together with TV producers. It covers studios including Twentieth Century Fox, BBC Worldwide, Discovery Channel, Granada Films & Television, Walt Disney, ITV Productions, Dreamworks, Touchstone, Lionsgate, Miramax, Paramount, Pixar and Universal Studios. 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 low annual fee.

Q. How much is the licence?

A. The licence fee starts at £95.00 + vat for areas up to 500 square metres. This is based on the total area in square metres of all communal rooms/areas where televisions/screens are installed/situated. This will include bars, restaurants, gyms, receptions and lounge areas. It is important to note that the licence does not currently include hotel bedrooms and so should not be included in the calculation of the 'total area'. Please see the Hotel tariff for further information.

Q. Why does the licence not include hotel bedrooms?

A. MPLC are not currently licensing screenings taking place in hotel bedrooms, but reserve the right to do so in the future.

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 expert licensing representatives to arrange a licence on 01323 356100, email hospitalityuk@mplc.com or visit www.mplcuk.com.

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. 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. We do not show films, only television programmes. Do we still need a licence?

A. Yes, the definition of the word 'film' within the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act is important. It is defined within the act as a "recording on any medium from which a moving image may by any means be produced", therefore does not only cover film, but instead covers any creative work, which will include not only films, but also television programmes. MPLC's licence represents not only Hollywood and independent film studios but also TV producers.

Q. What if we do not provide customers with live, real time broadcast television/film?

A. An MPLC licence is still required whether you show television programmes/films whether broadcast live, or on demand (e.g. downloads, streaming, DVD/Blu-ray)

Q. We only show TV programmes and/or film in staff rest areas. Do we still need a licence?

A. Yes, the licence is required whether the screenings are for guests and/or staff.

Q. Are there any areas or channels which do not require an MPLC Licence?

A. Please note, an MPLC licence is not required for broadcast in hotel bedrooms or SKY Sports and dedicated news channels. To prevent liability for the fee you must have a mechanism in place to ensure that if you are only showing sport or news only, no TV programmes or films are inadvertently shown at any time.

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 26 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 (025343) and part of their 'Buy with Confidence' Scheme (ref: 1588/05) as well as a member of the Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT) organisation. Furthermore, MPLC is listed with the Intellectual Property Office. We work closely with these organisations on copyright infringement investigations. You'll find us listed on the Intellectual Property Office website www.gov.uk see – "Licensing Bodies and Collecting Societies".

Q. Where can I get further information on changes to Section 72 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act?

A. The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) have produced a guidance document. A copy can be obtained from the IPO or from MPLC on request.

Q. What are the penalties for screening without the licence?

A. The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act in §107 prescribes damages for infringement of copyright that may subject you to substantial fines and penalties. In addition, Section 97(2) of the act allows the court to consider the flagrancy of the infringement and any benefit, in order to award additional damages.

Q. Who would prosecute?

A. The Federation Against Copyright Theft Organisation (FACT). They work with the Police, Trading Standards and Customs and Excise departments to investigate and prosecute illegal showings on behalf of the film and TV industry.

Q. How can I contact MPLC?

E. hospitalityuk@mplc.com

T. 01323 356100

W. www.mplcuk.com



APPLICATION FORM

Public Houses, Bars, Restaurants, Cafes & Hotels

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

Organisation: _____
Address: _____

Postcode _____

Status: _____
Client Reference: _____
Date: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Licensed address including postcode (if different from above):

The Total Area in square metres (m²) calculated as outlined in the appropriate tariff is as follows:

Where you have more than one location, please either add the details on page two indicating below the number of pages you have enclosed. Alternatively we can accept a separate list in an Excel spreadsheet.

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.mplcuk.com 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

Licensed address including postcode

Total Area in square metres (m²)

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