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The Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*4th February 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*6th February 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 365(1) and (4)(b) and 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003(**a**), including as extended by—

(a) the Communications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Order 2003(**b**);

(b) the Communications (Jersey) Order 2003(**c**);

(c) the Communications (Isle of Man) Order 2003(**d**);

(d) the Communications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Order 2004(**e**);

(e) the Broadcasting and Communications (Jersey) Order 2004(**f**).

The Treasury has consented to the making of these Regulations in accordance with section 365(6) of the Communications Act 2003.

Citation, commencement, effect and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st April 2026.

(**a**) 2003 c. 21.

(**b**) S.I. 2003/3195, amended by S.I. 2006/3325; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Article 6 of the Order extends section 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) to Guernsey.

(**c**) S.I. 2003/3197, amended by S.I. 2006/3324; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Article 6 of the Order extends section 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) to Jersey.

(**d**) S.I. 2003/3198, amended by S.I. 2007/278; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Article 6 of the Order extends sections 365 and 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) to the Isle of Man.

(**e**) S.I. 2004/307. Article 4 of the Order extends, with the modifications set out in paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Order, section 365 of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) to Guernsey.

(**f**) S.I. 2004/308, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations. Article 4 of the Order extends, with the modifications set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to that Order, section 365 of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) to Jersey.

(3) These Regulations have effect in respect of TV licences issued on or after 1st April 2026.

(4) These Regulations extend to—

(a) England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland,

(b) the Channel Islands, except regulation 4(43) and (44) and Schedule 2, and

(c) the Isle of Man.

Amendment of the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004

2. The Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004(**a**) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 5.

Amendment of Schedule 1

3.—(1) The Table in Schedule 1 (issue fees for TV licences) is amended as follows.

(2) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (black and white only) General Form for "£58.50" substitute "£60.50".

(3) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (including colour) General Form for "£174.50" substitute "£180.00".

(4) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (black and white only) Multiple Form for "£58.50" substitute "£60.50".

(5) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (including colour) Multiple Form for "£174.50" substitute "£180.00".

Amendment of Schedule 2

4.—(1) In Schedule 2 (fees for TV licences payable by instalments)—

(a) Part 1 (premium instalment television licence (including colour)) is amended in accordance with paragraph (2);

(b) Part 2 (budget instalment television licence (including colour)) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (3) to (9);

(c) Part 3 (easy entry television licence (including colour)) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (10) to (42);

(d) Part 4 (simple payment plan licence (not black and white only)) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (43) and (44).

(2) In paragraph 2(1)—

(a) for ""£44.89" substitute "£46.25";

(b) for "£44.87" substitute "£46.25".

(3) In paragraph 5(1) for "2025" substitute "2026".

(4) In paragraph 5 for Table 1 substitute Table 1 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(5) In paragraph 6(1) for "2025" substitute "2026".

(6) In paragraph 6 for Table 2 substitute Table 2 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(7) In paragraph 7(6)(b) for "2025" substitute "2026".

(8) In paragraph 7(6), in the words after sub-paragraph (b)—

(**a**) S.I. 2004/692, amended by S.I. 2005/606, 2006/619, 2007/718, 2008/643, 2009/505, 2010/640, 2017/221, 2018/219, 339, 2019/151, 2020/80, 160, 2021/124, 227, 2024/150 and 2025/133; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant to these Regulations.

(a) for “£99.75” substitute “£102.75”;

(b) for “£14.95” substitute “£15.45”.

(9) In paragraph 7 for Table 3 substitute Table 3 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(10) For paragraph 9(c) substitute—

“(c) the amount of each of the first 21 of the instalments is to be £7.00 and the amount of each of the remaining 4 instalments is to be £6.50.”.

(11) In paragraph 11(1) for “£90.00” substitute “£91.00”.

(12) In paragraph 11(2) for “£72.00” substitute “£76.00”.

(13) In paragraph 11(5) for “£33.00” substitute “£34.50”.

(14) In paragraph 11(6) for “£12.50” substitute “£13.00”.

(15) In paragraph 12(1) for “£90.00” substitute “£91.00”.

(16) In paragraph 12(2)(b) for “£8.45” substitute “£8.90”.

(17) In paragraph 12(3)(b)—

(a) for “£10.57” substitute “£11.13”;

(b) for “£10.51” substitute “£11.09”.

(18) In paragraph 12(4)(b)—

(a) for “£14.09” substitute “£14.84”;

(b) for “£14.05” substitute “£14.80”.

(19) for paragraph 12(5)(b) substitute—

“(b) the amount of each of the 4 instalments is to be £22.25.”.

(20) In paragraph 13(1) for “£72.00” substitute “£76.00”.

(21) In paragraph 13(2)(a) for “£10.25” substitute “£10.40”.

(22) In paragraph 13(2)(b), for “first 7 instalments” to the end, substitute “8 instalments to be £13.00;”.

(23) In paragraph 13(2)(c)—

(a) for “£17.09” substitute “£17.34”;

(b) for “£17.05” substitute “£17.30”.

(24) In paragraph 13(2)(d), for “first 3 instalments” to the end, substitute “4 instalments to be £26.00.”.

(25) In paragraph 14(2)(a) for “£11.15” substitute “£11.70”.

(26) In paragraph 14(2)(b)—

(a) for “£13.94” substitute “£14.63”;

(b) for “£13.92” substitute “£14.59”.

(27) In paragraph 14(2)(c), for “first 5 instalments” to the end, substitute “6 instalments to be £19.50;”.

(28) In paragraph 14(2)(d), for “first 3 instalments” to the end, substitute “4 instalments to be £29.25.”.

(29) In paragraph 15(2)(a) for “£12.45” substitute “£13.00”.

(30) In paragraph 15(2)(b), for “first 7 instalments” to the end, substitute “8 instalments to be £16.25;”.

(31) In paragraph 15(2)(c), for "6 instalments" to the end, substitute "first 5 instalments to be £21.67 and the final instalment to be £21.65;".

(32) In paragraph 15(2)(d), for "first 3 instalments" to the end, substitute "4 instalments to be £32.50.".

(33) In paragraph 16(1) for "£33.00" substitute "£34.50".

(34) In paragraph 16(2)(a) for "£14.15" substitute "£14.55".

(35) In paragraph 16(2)(b)—

(a) for £17.69 substitute "£18.19";

(b) for £17.67 substitute "£18.17".

(36) In paragraph 16(2)(c), for "first 5 instalments" to the end, substitute "6 instalments to be £24.25;".

(37) In paragraph 16(2)(d)—

(a) for £35.38 substitute "£36.38";

(b) for £35.36 substitute "£36.36".

(38) In paragraph 17(1) for "£12.50" substitute "£13.00".

(39) In paragraph 17(2)(a) for "£16.20" substitute "£16.70".

(40) In paragraph 17(2)(b), for "8 instalments" to the end, substitute "first 7 instalments to be £20.88 and the final instalment to be £20.84;".

(41) In paragraph 17(2)(c), for "6 instalments" to the end. substitute "first 5 instalments to be £27.84 and the final instalment to be £27.80;".

(42) In paragraph 17(2)(d) for "40.50" substitute "£41.75".

(43) In paragraph 21 for Table 1 substitute Table 1 in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(44) In paragraph 21 for Table 2 substitute Table 2 in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Amendment of Schedule 5

5.—(1) Schedule 5 (TV licence fees for hotels and hospitality areas and mobile units) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1, in the definition of "relevant amount"—

(a) in paragraph (a) for "£58.50" substitute "£60.50";

(b) in paragraph (b) for "£174.50" substitute "£180.00".

(3) In paragraph 3(1)(a) for "£58.50" substitute "£60.50".

(4) In paragraph 3(1)(b) for "£174.50" substitute "£180.00".

Lisa Nandy
Secretary of State
3rd February 2026 Department for Culture, Media and Sport

We consent:

Stephen Morgan
Christian Wakeford
4th February 2026 Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4(4), (6) and (9)

Table 1

Column 1	*Column 2*	*Column 3*	*Column 4*	*Column 5*	*Column 6*	*Column 7*
Date by which the instalment is to be paid	**Amount of instalment payment**					
Date on which the licence is issued ("the issue date")	£102.75	£96.15	£88.20	£78.55	£66.40	£50.85
The last day of the period of 1 month beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.45	£16.77	£18.36	£20.29	£22.72	£25.83
The last day of the period of 2 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.45	£16.77	£18.36	£20.29	£22.72	£25.83
The last day of the period of 3 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.45	£16.77	£18.36	£20.29	£22.72	£25.83
The last day of the period of 4 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.45	£16.77	£18.36	£20.29	£22.72	£25.83
The last day of the period of 5 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.45	£16.77	£18.36	£20.29	£22.72	£25.83

Table 2

Column 1	*Column 2*	*Column 3*	*Column 4*	*Column 5*	*Column 6*	*Column 7*
Date by which the instalment is to be paid	**Amount of instalment payment**					
Date on which the licence is issued ("the issue date")	£105.00	£98.20	£90.00	£80.00	£67.50	£51.45
The last day of the period of 1 month beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.00	£16.36	£18.00	£20.00	£22.50	£25.71
The last day of the period of 2 months beginning on the day	£15.00	£16.36	£18.00	£20.00	£22.50	£25.71

Column 1	*Column 2*	*Column 3*	*Column 4*	*Column 5*	*Column 6*	*Column 7*
immediately following the issue date						
The last day of the period of 3 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.00	£16.36	£18.00	£20.00	£22.50	£25.71
The last day of the period of 4 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.00	£16.36	£18.00	£20.00	£22.50	£25.71
The last day of the period of 5 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£15.00	£16.36	£18.00	£20.00	£22.50	£25.71

Table 3

Column 1	*Column 2*	*Column 3*	*Column 4*	*Column 5*
Date by which the instalment is to be paid	**Amount of instalment payment**			
Date on which the licence is issued ("the issue date")	£30.00	£36.00	£45.00	£60.00
The first day of the calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which the licence is issued	£30.00	£36.00	£45.00	£60.00
The first day of the second calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which the licence is issued	£30.00	£36.00	£45.00	£60.00
The first day of the third calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which the licence is issued	£30.00	£36.00	£45.00	
The first day of the fourth calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which the licence is issued	£30.00	£36.00		
The first day of the fifth calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which the licence is issued	£30.00			

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4(43) and (44)

Table 1

Issue fee	*Number of further instalments*	*Amount of each further instalment*
£7.00	25	£6.92
£7.20	24	£7.20

Issue fee	*Number of further instalments*	*Amount of each further instalment*
£7.50	23	£7.50
£7.96	22	£7.82
£8.22	21	£8.18
£8.60	20	£8.57
£9.00	19	£9.00
£9.54	18	£9.47
£10.00	17	£10.00
£10.72	16	£10.58
£11.25	15	£11.25
£12.00	14	£12.00
£12.95	13	£12.85
£13.92	12	£13.84

Table 2

Issue fee	*Number of further instalments*	*Amount of each further instalment*
£15.00	11	£15.00
£16.40	10	£16.36
£18.00	9	£18.00
£20.00	8	£20.00
£22.50	7	£22.50
£25.74	6	£25.71
£30.00	5	£30.00

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/692) by providing for increases in—

(a) the amount payable for most categories of TV licence;

(b) the amount of each instalment for certain categories of TV licence which are payable in instalments.

In summary—

(a) the amount usually payable for a colour TV licence is increased from £174.50 to £180.00 and that for a black and white TV licence is increased from £58.50 to £60.50 (see regulations 3 and 5);

(b) the instalments for a premium instalment TV licence are increased so that the total amount payable is increased from £179.50 to £185.00 (see regulation 4(1) and (2));

(c) the instalments for a budget instalment TV licence are increased so that the total amount payable is increased from £174.50 to £180.00 (see regulation 4(1) and (3) to (9));

(d) the instalments for an easy entry TV licence are increased so that the total amount payable is increased from £174.50 to £180.00 (see regulation 4(1) and (10) to (42));

(e) the instalments for a simple payment TV licence are increased so that the total amount payable is increased from £174.50 to £180.00 (see regulation 4(1), (43) and (44)).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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