

PPL – PRS Royalty Thresholds 2017-2018

Below are the updated thresholds and minimum fees for commercial radio music licences with PPL and PRS for Music. These thresholds are adjusted on 1st October in any given licence year so as to reflect any movement in the RPI. The revised thresholds are effective from 1st October 2017.

PPL

Thresholds/ revenue bands have been adjusted to reflect changes in the RPI index from June 2017.

NBR

RATE

Up to £38,958	Minimum per platform fee(s)
£38,959 to £728,075	2 % of NBR
£728,076 to £1,456,149	3 % of NBR
£1,456,150 or greater	5 % of NBR

A low usage rate of 1 % applies where the proportion of PPL repertoire used is less than 15 % of total annual broadcast hours.

Full Usage Reporting (e.g. unreconciled digital record of each day's musical output) starts when NBR reaches £3,953,333 and/or when the station operates a digital play-out system.

The minimum fees remain as last year and will not adjust again until 1 October 2018:

- Minimum fee for a station broadcast on AM and/or FM – £716
- Minimum fee for a station also broadcast on one local DAB multiplex – £716
- Minimum fee for a station on one local DAB multiplex only (and not AM or FM) - £131
- Minimum fee for a station broadcast on a national DAB multiplex – £1,304
- Minimum fee for a station included on a Satellite Simulcast Service – £1,304
- Minimum fee for a station included on a local cable service – £131
- Minimum fee for a station included on a national cable service – £1,304
- Minimum fee for a station included on DTT (Freeview) – £1,304
- Minimum fee for a station included in an Internet Simulcast Service – £1,304

PRS

PRS thresholds and percentages of NBR are marginally different to those used by PPL. Both these thresholds and lump sum payments have also been adjusted in line with annual RPI index published in July.

- Royalty rates

NBR

RATE

£1,459,451 or more	5.25 % of NBR
£729,724 and £1,459,451	4 % of NBR
£31,453 and £729,724	3 % of NBR
Up to £31,453	minimum fee (£942)
Low usage (irrespective of NBR)	1 % of NBR

- Lump sums/ revenue bands

- Band 1 – up to £112,678 – pays £62
- Band 2 – between £112,678 and £281,694 – pays £186
- Band 3 – between £281,694 and £729,724 – pays £462
- Band 4 – between £729,724 and £1,459,450 – pays £1,239
- Band 5 – between £1,459,450 and £3,380,330 – pays £1,859
- Band 6 – over £3,380,330 – pays £4,338

If you have any further questions on these rates please contact [Matt Payton](#).