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PPL – PRS Royalty Thresholds 2018-2019

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 2018.

PPL

Thresholds/ revenue bands have been adjusted to reflect changes in the RPI index from June 2018.

Royalty rates:

NBR	***RATE***
£1,505,348 or greater	5% of NBR
£752,675 to £1,505,347	3% of NBR
£40,275 to £752,674	2% of NBR
Up to £40,274	Minimum per platform fee(s)

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 £4,086,901 and/or when the station operates a digital play-out system.

Minimum fees:

Under the PPL contract minimum fees are increased every three years. The new fees will apply from 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2021.

- Minimum fee for a station broadcast on AM and/or FM – £779
- Minimum fee for a station also broadcast on one local DAB multiplex – £779
- Minimum fee for a station on one local DAB multiplex only (and not AM or FM) - £142
- Minimum fee for a station broadcast on a national DAB multiplex – £1,418
- Minimum fee for a station included on a Satellite Simulcast Service – £1,418
- Minimum fee for a station included on a local cable service – £142

- Minimum fee for a station included on a national cable service – £1,418
- Minimum fee for a station included on DTT (Freeview) – £1,418
- Minimum fee for a station included in an Internet Simulcast Service – £1,418
- Minimum fee for test transmissions – £347

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***
£1,506,153 or more	5.25% of NBR
£753,075 and £1,506,153	4% of NBR
£32,460 and £753,075	3% of NBR
Up to £32,460	minimum fee (£972)
Low usage (irrespective of NBR)	1% of NBR

Lump sums/ revenue bands:

- Band 1 – up to £116,283 – pays £64

- Band 2 – between £116,283 and £290,708 – pays £192

- Band 3 – between £290,708 and £753,075 – pays £477

- Band 4 – between £753,075 and £1,506,152 – pays £1,279

- Band 5 – between £1,506,152 and £3,488,501 – pays £1,919

- Band 6 – over £3,488,501 – pays £4,477

If you have any further questions on these rates please contact Matt Payton.