

PPL - PRS Royalty Thresholds 2026 – 2027

Below are the updated thresholds and minimum fees for commercial radio music licences with PPL and PRS for Music. These thresholds are adjusted on 1 October in any given licence year so as to reflect any movement in the RPI. The revised thresholds are effective from 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027.

PPL

In accordance with Clause 5.2 of the TRL, we have now adjusted the NBR thresholds in line with June's RPI (3%). Please see below the updated thresholds to apply for the period 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027.

NBR thresholds

YE 27 threshold	Rate
Up to £59,603	Minimum per platform fee(s)
£59,604 to £1,113,876	2% of NBR
£1,113,877 to £2,227,748	3% of NBR
£2,227,749 or greater	5% of NBR

The full usage reporting threshold for YE 27 is £6,048,162

Minimum fees

The per platform minimum fees adjust every three years with June's RPI pursuant to Clause 5.3 of the TRL. The minimum fees were last adjusted from 1 October 2024 and will not adjust again until 1 October 2027 (for the YE September 2028):

Platform	YE 25 to YE 27 min fee
AM/FM	£833
Local DAB	£833
Local DAB Simulcast	£152
National DAB	£1,516
Satellite Simulcast	£1,516
Local Cable Simulcast	£152
National Cable Simulcast	£1,516
DTT (Freeview)	£1,516
Internet Simulcast	£1,516
Test transmissions (per month or part-month)	£371

PRS

PRS thresholds and percentages of Net Broadcasting Revenue (NBR) are marginally different to those used by PPL. Fees are calculated using the station's Net Broadcasting Revenue (NBR) and include both an annual royalty fee and a fee based upon the royalty rate.

The NBR bands and minimum royalty are adjusted yearly, from 1 October, by reference to RPI. All fees quoted are subject to VAT. Please note that these fees have been uplifted using July's RPI: 3.2%

Royalty rates

Annual Net Broadcasting Revenue	Royalty Fee
Up to £172,055	£95
Between £172,055 and £430,136	£284
Between £430,136 and £1,114,261	£705
Between £1,114,261 and £2,228,526	£1,893
Between £2,228,526 and £5,161,636	£2,839
Greater than £5,161,636	£6,624

Annual Net Broadcast Revenue	Royalty Rate
Up to £48,028	£1,438
Between £48,028 and £1,114,261	3%
Between £1,114,261 and £2,228,526	4%
Greater than £2,228,526	5.25%
Subject to the annual minimum fee, where the total music use is less than 15% of total broadcast time, and regardless of the NBR level, the percentage rate will be	1%

Minimum annual fee

If the station's NBR for the year ending 30th September 2027 is less than £48,028 the fee will be £1,533+VAT

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