



ONE APARTMENT - ONE FEE

The Broadcast License Fee

Information for students

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Nowadays it has become completely normal to listen to the radio on your smart phone or to watch TV on your tablet computer - technical devices offer more and more features and change the way we use media content. The broadcast license fee does not depend on the number of devices that are used and it covers the offers of the public service broadcasting on all distribution paths. It does not matter how many people live in the apartment or how many devices they use - the following always applies:

ONE APARTMENT



ONE FEE:

17.50 EUROS*

CHEAPER FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE

Especially people living in shared flats benefit. For example, four residents of a flat-share only pay one fee: 17.50 Euros* per month, no matter how many radios, televisions, computers or smart phones there are.

AT A GLANCE

1 OB EIGENE WOHNUNG
ODER WOHNGEMEIN-
SCHAFT – ES GILT:
EIN BEITRAG VON
17,50 EURO*.

2 WIE VIELE RUNDFUNK-
GERÄTE ES IN DEINER
WOHNUNG ODER WG GIBT
UND OB DU EIN AUTO HAST,
SPIELT KEINE ROLLE.

3 BEKOMMST DU BAFÖG UND
WOHNST NICHT BEI DEINEN
ELTERN, KANNST DU EINE
BEFREIUNG VOM RUNDFUNK-
BEITRAG BEANTRAGEN.

ANY QUESTIONS?

I live alone. What do I have to do?

A licence fee of €17.50 needs to be paid for every residence. If you do not have a licence fee account yet, apply for one with the Beitragsservice of ARD, ZDF and Deutschlandradio at www.rundfunkbeitrag.de.

I share a flat or live with my parents. Who pays?

Only one person of age must be registered and pay the licence fee for each apartment. Room mates of a flat-share can decide among themselves who this should be. Any other residents who already have a licence fee account may deregister. If you are a student living at home and your parents already pay the licence fee, you may also deregister.

You can deregister at the Beitragsservice of ARD, ZDF and Deutschlandradio. Find the form at www.rundfunkbeitrag.de. Please don't forget to enter your name and licence fee number and the name and licence fee number of the person paying for the licence fee in future.

I live in a student hall of residence. What do I need to do?

The licence fee of €17.50 per month is payable for rooms in student halls of residence that are accessed via a public corridor. Single rooms count as a residence – regardless of whether they have their own bathroom or kitchen.

If several rooms of the student hall of residence are arranged like an apartment and you live as if in a flat-share, only one person is required to pay the licence fee. However, this only applies if the flat-share is separated from a generally accessible hallway or staircase by a separate front door and only the residents of the flat-share have a key. The forms for registration or deregistration can be found at www.rundfunkbeitrag.de.

I receive BAföG. What do I have to do?

If you receive BAföG, funding for vocational training or education benefits and you do not live with your parents, you may be exempted from the licence fee upon application. This exemption also applies to your spouse or registered partner, but not to for other room mates.

How can I apply for an exemption or reduction?

The application form and additional information can be found at www.rundfunkbeitrag.de, in towns and municipalities as well as with the competent authorities. Please send the completed form and relevant proof by post to the Beitragsservice of ARD, ZDF und Deutschlandradio, 50656 Köln.

More information is available at: www.rundfunkbeitrag.de

MORE INFORMATION

The website www.rundfunkbeitrag.de answers frequently asked questions, offers details on the licence fee and explains backgrounds on the financing of the broadcasting services. You can also find all the forms required to register, deregister, change your information as well as the application for exemption or reduction there.

If you have any questions you can complete the contact form on the website or contact the service telephone service of the Beitragsservice of ARD, ZDF and Deutschlandradio from Monday to Friday from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.: 01806 9995 5510 ((Calls cost 20 cents from a German landline, and a maximum of 60 cents per call from a German mobile.)

*Since the reduction of the fee as of April 2015 the licence fee is 17.50 Euros/5.83 Euros. It was 17.98 Euros/5.99 Euros from 2013 to March 2015.

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