

Licence Application Community Radio Services 2007/2008



The Mechanical-Copyright Protection Society Ltd (MCPS) and The Performing Right Society Ltd (PRS) represent the vast majority of music composers and publishers in the UK and, by agreement with overseas societies, most of the world. We issue licences to allow the recording, public performance and broadcast of our members' musical works for most purposes (in accordance with the 1988 Copyright, Designs and Patents Act) and collect and distribute the royalties due to our members.

The MCPS-PRS Alliance manages common activities, services both societies and is jointly owned by them.

Legal name of applicant					
Correspondence address, including post code					
Contact Numbers					
Email address					
Company/Business name					
Registered Company Number					
Station name/call sign					
Commencement date of service					
How will service be funded (please tick)	Advertising	Sponsorship	Donations	Contra/Barta	Other
Signed					
Print name of signatory in full					
Position of signatory					

PRS

The PRS collects licence fees for the public performance and broadcast of musical works.

	Rate of royalty
The licence fee will be based on a percentage of Net Broadcasting Revenue (NBR) subject to an on account annual minimum royalty	£586
The applicable percentages are:	
NBR below £551,070	3%
£551,071 to £1,102,139	4%
£1,102,140 or more	5.25%
Where the total music use is less than 15% of the Broadcast, then regardless of the level of the NBR the percentage rate to be applied will be	1%

Please see the FAQs below for a full definition of NBR.

Please make your cheque payable to PRS Limited. All rates quoted are subject to VAT.

MCPS

The MCPS collects and distributes 'mechanical' royalties generated from the recording of music onto many different formats. This income is distributed to its members – the writers and publishers of music.

What's covered..

An MCPS Licence is required for the right to record MCPS members' repertoire into:

- Non-programme material, but excluding station idents
- Programmes produced by the radio station for broadcast on its own station
- Server or other hard-disk storage for subsequent direct-to-air broadcast
- Broadcast of production music sound recordings

However, Advertisements are excluded from the MCPS licence and must be cleared individually. Use of commercial music in a sponsored item is excluded, where a reasonable person would associate the music with the sponsor. Association can be deemed to exist, for example, where there is a small or no gap between a commercial work and reference to the sponsor.

MCPS TARIFF

MCPS do not currently have a scheme in place to cover your service. Your details will be held on file, and contact will be made once MCPS is in a position to issue the licence. For budgeting please allow the same minimum fee as PRS, £586 plus VAT per licence year.

For more information on licensing, please telephone 020 7306 4601 or go to Alliance website: www.mcps-prs-alliance.co.uk.

