

SCHEDULE 2

FEES FOR TV LICENCES PAYABLE BY INSTALMENTS

[^{F1}PART 4

Simple payment plan licence (not black and white only)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 Pt. 4 inserted (1.4.2018) by [The Communications \(Television Licensing\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/339\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4

18.—(1) This Part deals with a TV licence to be known as a “Simple payment plan licence (not black and white only)” (in this Part referred to as a “simple payment licence”).

(2) A simple payment licence is a licence of the same description as that given in the second entry of column 2 of the table in Schedule 1 (TV licence (including colour)) but where—

- (a) the licence is to be issued only in accordance with paragraphs 19 and 20, and
- (b) payment for the licence is to be made in instalments as set out in paragraph 21.

(3) In this Part, “issue date”, in relation to a simple payment licence, means the date on which the licence is issued.

19.—(1) In the period beginning with 1st April 2018 and ending with 30th September 2018, a simple payment licence is to be issued only to a person who is in any of circumstances A to C (see paragraph 20).

(2) In the period beginning with 1st October 2018 and ending with 30th September 2019, a simple payment licence is to be issued only to a person who, immediately before the due date, held a simple payment licence issued before or on 30th September 2018.

(3) A simple payment licence is not to be issued after 30th September 2019.

20.—(1) Circumstance A is that the person—

- (a) has been questioned under caution on or after 1st April 2018 about a TV licensing offence, and
- (b) is not, immediately before the issue date, authorised under a TV licence to install or use a TV receiver.

(2) Circumstance B is that the person has, within the period of 6 months ending with the issue date, received advice from a debt advice charity in relation to any of the person’s financial obligations.

(3) Circumstance C is that the person—

- (a) held a TV licence (other than a simple payment licence) within the period of 6 months ending with the issue date,
- (b) failed to make one or more payments in respect of that licence, and
- (c) is not, immediately before the issue date, authorised under a TV licence to install or use a TV receiver.

(4) In this paragraph—

“a debt advice charity” means—

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- (a) Advice NI,
- (b) Christians against Poverty,
- (c) the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux,
- (d) the Northern Ireland Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux,
- (e) the Scottish National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux,
- (f) Money Advice Trust, or
- (g) Foundation for Credit Counselling;

“TV licensing offence” means an offence under—

- (a) section 363(2) of the Act (installing or using a television receiver without a licence),
- (b) section 363(3) of the Act (possessing or controlling a receiver and intending to install or use it without a licence etc), or
- (c) section 366(8) of the Act (obstructing or failing to assist a person using powers to enforce TV licensing).

21.—(1) This paragraph specifies the different instalments which are payable in different circumstances in respect of a simple payment licence.

(2) Where the person to whom the simple payment licence is issued elects, before or on the issue date, to pay fortnightly instalments, the instalments are those set out in sub-paragraphs (3) to (5).

(3) An issue fee is payable on the issue date and the amount of that fee is determined by reference to the period of the month within which the issue date falls in accordance with the following—

<i>Period of month</i>	<i>Issue fee</i>
Period beginning with first day of month and ending with fifteenth day of month	£6.00
Period beginning with sixteenth day of month and ending with twenty-ninth day of month	£6.02
Remaining period of month	£6.29

(4) Further instalments are payable at fortnightly intervals with the first being payable on the date which is the last day of the period of 2 weeks beginning with the day immediately following the issue date.

(5) The number of the further instalments and the amount of each is determined by reference to the amount of the issue fee in accordance with the following—

<i>Issue fee</i>	<i>Number of further instalments</i>	<i>Amount of each further instalment</i>
£6.00	25	£5.78
£6.02	24	£6.02
£6.29	23	£6.27

(6) Where the person to whom the simple payment licence is issued elects, before or on the issue date, to pay monthly instalments, the instalments are those set out in sub-paragraphs (7) and (8).

(7) An issue fee of £12.56 is payable on the issue date.

(8) 11 further instalments of £12.54 are payable at monthly intervals with the first of those instalments being payable on the date which is the first day of the month following the month within which the issue date falls.]

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