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COUNCIL
15/08/24

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Status:	No licence on record
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Important Notice: Television & Film Licence Compliance

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to you today because our database indicates there is no MPLC Licence at this premises, but please do not worry, we appreciate obtaining the correct licences can sometimes be difficult, so we are here to help understand if Council Hall needs a licence and how to obtain it.

As of 2016, it has become mandatory for businesses (including centres), who wish to show films or television programmes on their premises, to obtain a license. Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) is an organisation that represents the rights of film and TV producers and distributors, ensuring that organisations like yours have the correct licenses in place for public screenings.

So if television programmes and/or films from our studios partners are ever shown; for example in the centre or staff rest area on broadcast television (terrestrial, Freeview or satellite services), DVD/Blu-ray or viewed from the internet a licence will be required.

Why is this important?

Under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, permission is needed from the relevant copyright holders in order to show the television programmes and films in public places including in centres, village halls, clubs or other similar areas. If a centre or other similar location wishes to screen television programmes and films, then it is considered a 'public performance' and illegal unless licensed.

What do we need to do?

If television programmes and/or films from our rightsholders are shown, an MPLC licence will be required. Please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. **To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence and any licence you may already hold to play music.**

The licence fee is £326.27 + VAT per year.

How do I obtain a licence?

To apply for the licence you can complete and return the enclosed application form, to apply online visit mplc.com or simply call one of our licensing representatives on **01323 356100**, email enquiriesuk@mplc.com.

If you require further information, please refer to the enclosed **Frequently Asked Questions** or contact us at enquiriesuk@mplc.com or call **01323 356100**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Tyrone Samuel
Head of Licensing

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* If you do not need a licence we'd like to stop writing to you. Please let us know by calling 01323 356100
NB: MPLC may use this information for their lawful business purposes which includes working with other bodies to prevent illegal showings on behalf of the film and TV industry.



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Q. Why am I being asked to buy an MPLC licence?

A. Under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, the showing of TV programmes and film in public places requires a licence. This does include the showing of broadcast television, DVD/Blu-ray or programmes viewed from the internet. If a business screens TV programmes and/or films then they are considered a 'public performance' and illegal unless licensed. It is an organisations responsibility to ensure the correct licence is in place to cover television programmes and/or film use on company premises or guarantee that such content is not displayed.

Q. I already pay for a TV Licence. Why do I need an MPLC licence as well?

A. Your TV Licence covers the use and installation of TV receiving equipment at the premises specified on the licence. It doesn't cover business premises for the public performance of copyright material contained within films and television programmes.

Q. We already hold a PRS/PPL Licence, why would we also need an MPLC Umbrella Licence?

A. The PRS/PPL are totally separate organisations to Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC). They manage music rights only. MPLC are providing the same service for Hollywood and independent film studios together with TV producers. Screening a film or TV programme whether broadcast on TV, on home entertainment DVD/Blu-ray or viewed from the internet requires a licence from MPLC.

Q. We only show TV programmes and/or film in staff rest areas. Do we still need a licence?

A. Yes, the licence is required whether the screenings are for general public/members/guests and/or staff.

Q. How much is the licence?

A. The licence fee is £326.27 + vat per year.

Q. How can I get a licence?

A. To apply for your licence, please complete and return an application form. Alternatively, simply call one of our licensing representatives to arrange a licence on 01323 356100, email enquiriesuk@mplc.com or visit www.themplc.co.uk

Q. What if we do not provide customers with live, real time broadcast television/film?

A. An MPLC licence is still required whether you show television programmes/films whether broadcast live, or on demand (e.g. downloads, streaming, DVD/Blu-ray)

Q. Who are the MPLC?

A. The Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) was established over 30 years ago. The licence is now provided in over 30 countries around the world. This includes licensing within schools, on board coaches, trains, libraries, child-care centres, nurseries and kids clubs, in HM Prisons, on oil rigs, for corporate training, in churches, in healthcare centres, gyms, hotels, private clubs, bars and restaurants, within government services and within retailers. MPLC are part of Trading Standards 'Buy with Confidence' Scheme (ref: 1588/05) and joined a Primary Authority Partnership with East Sussex Trading Standards. As well as this we are a member of the Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT) organisation and listed as a Licensing Body at GOV.UK (see – Licensing bodies and collective management organisations). MPLC are Corporate Affiliate Members of the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (025343).

Q. Who can I talk to for further independent advice on this matter?

You can contact Trading Standards. We are part of their 'Buy with Confidence' Scheme (ref: 1588/05) and a Primary Authority Partnership with East Sussex Trading Standards. You can contact Citizens Advice or Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT).

Q. What are the penalties for screening without the licence?

A. The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act in §107 prescribes damages for infringement of copyright that may subject you to substantial fines and penalties. In addition, Section 97(2) of the act allows the court to consider the flagrancy of the infringement and any benefit, in order to award additional damages.

Q. Who would prosecute?

A. The Federation Against Copyright Theft Organisation (FACT). They work with the Police, Trading Standards and Customs and Excise departments to investigate and prosecute illegal showings on behalf of the film and TV industry.

Q. How can I contact MPLC?

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