

Who has to pay the licence fee?

NOT REQUIRED TO PAY



- People seeking asylum, who live in a shared accommodation for refugees
- People entitled to asylum living in their own home, as long as they receive social benefits

REQUIRED TO PAY



- People entitled to asylum living in their own home with income of their own

Any questions? Please contact us.
How to get in touch:



www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/welcome



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WELCOME TO GERMANY

Information on the licence fee
(Rundfunkbeitrag)
for people seeking asylum
and people entitled to asylum

* (Calls cost 20 cents from a German landline, and a maximum of 60 cents per call from a German mobile)

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Licence fee at a glance

In Germany, public service broadcasting offers a diversity of programmes on television, on the radio as well as online. They provide coverage independent from commercial or political interests. Everybody contributes money towards this service. This contribution is known as the licence fee.

The law states, that the licence fee must be paid for every home in Germany. But: Only one person per home is required to pay. The licence fee costs €17.50 per month and must be paid to the Beitragsservice von ARD, ZDF und Deutschlandradio.

Do I have to pay, too?

Some people are exempt from paying. For example, if you receive services according to the Asylum-Seeker's Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz) or other social benefits*. You must apply for exemption from the licence fee. The diagram on the right shows you what to do.

Please always respond to letters from the Beitragsservice!

I have received a letter from the Beitragsservice. What do I have to do?

Do you live in your own home or in a collective accommodation facility?

HOME

COLLECTIVE ACCOMMODATION FACILITY

Is someone paying the licence fee for your apartment or house?

You do not have to pay. Please inform your case-officer about the letter.

YES

NO

You do not have to pay. Please report the name and the licence fee number of the person paying.

Are you receiving social benefits?*

YES

NO

You can apply for exemption from the licence fee.

You have to pay the licence fee.



Please apply for exemption here: www.rundfunkbeitrag.de



Please register here: www.rundfunkbeitrag.de

*Social benefits include unemployment benefit II (Arbeitslosengeld II), welfare benefits (Sozialhilfe), old-age basic income support (Grundsicherung im Alter), BAföG (a student grant) and blind person's support (Blindenhilfe).