



# THE LICENCE FEE (RUNDFUNKBEITRAG) FOR STUDENTS

Public service broadcasting offers independent information as well a high-quality entertainment. A diversity of programmes is available on television, on the radio and also online to keep you up to date wherever you are. Our extensive media library provides up-to-date content on your laptop, tablet and smartphone.

To make this offer available for everyone, the German public service broadcasters are financed by the licence fee. This fee amounts to €17.50 per month and is levied for each residence – regardless of how many people live there or how many devices they use.

# Licence fee at a glance

## 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 at [www.rundfunkbeitrag.de](http://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 residence. Residents 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.

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

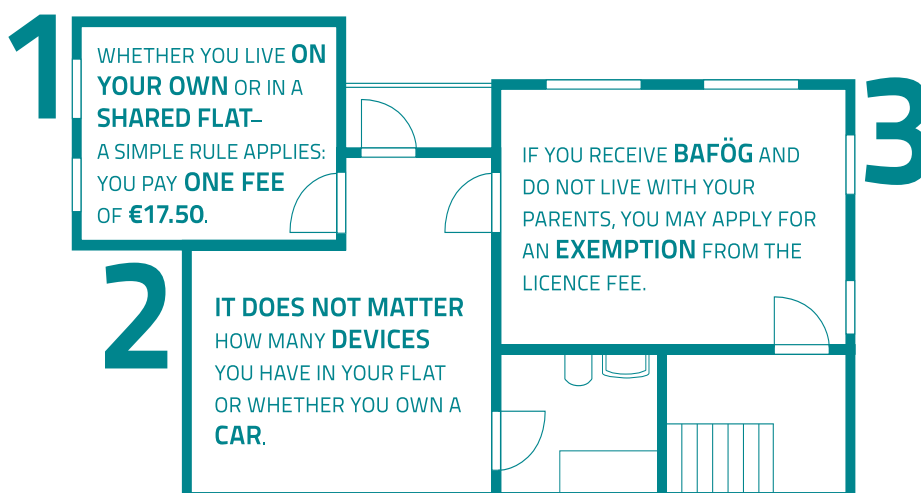
The licence fee of €17.50 per month is payable for rooms in student halls of residence that are accessed via a public corridor. Single rooms count as a residence – regardless of whether they have their own bathroom or kitchen. If several rooms are separated from a generally accessible hallway or staircase by a separate front door and are organised or used as flat-shares, one person in each individual flat-share is required to pay the licence fee. This fee can be split between the members of each flat-share.

## I receive BAföG. Does this change anything?

If you receive BAföG and 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 other residents. For students who are not entitled to state assistance it is the same case as for any other adult citizen: One residence – one fee. Those who have taken voluntary social years (FSJ), Erasmus students or other grant holders are required to pay as well.

## How can I apply for an exemption or reduction?

The application form and additional information can be found at [www.rundfunkbeitrag.de](http://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de) and are also available from local authorities (e.g. your municipal administration). Please send the completed form and relevant proof by post to: Beitragsservice von ARD, ZDF und Deutschlandradio, 50656 Köln.



## Diverse and independent

The German public service broadcasters are financed by the licence fee. This way of funding enables media coverage independent from commercial or political interests. It also ensures that everyone has free access to information through a number of media outlets.

Citizens, businesses, institutions and public interest bodies all contribute towards the licence fee. This way, a range of programmes is also available for those who are not able to wholly or partially contribute themselves.

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



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