

Licence Fee

RTÉ

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### Facts about the Licence Fee

Since 1 October 2006, the annual Licence Fee is €158. The fee is set by the Government and is subject to an annual review.

Every household, business or institution that has a television set (within the meaning of the *Wireless Telegraphy Act 1972*) must by law be in possession of a current Licence. If you have a second home or holiday home with a television set, you must also have a separate Licence for that address.

An Post is responsible for maintaining a database with records of every premises that should have a Licence and updating it regularly to include new premises. Licence inspectors regularly visit homes nationwide to ensure each television set is licensed and a fine of €635 for a first offence (€1,270 for a second or subsequent offence) can be imposed if a Licence is not produced.

A Licence can be purchased in any Post Office nationwide. It can also be paid by direct debit on an annual, bi-annual, quarterly or monthly basis. The lo-call number 1890 228 528 allows you 24-hour payment by Laser/MasterCard/Visa Card. Alternatively, Licence Stamps can be purchased at any Post Office and used as full or part payment of a Licence. Visit [www.anpost.ie/AnPost/MainContent/Personal+Customers](http://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/MainContent/Personal+Customers) for further information.

If you are receiving Social Welfare payments, you may be entitled to a free Licence. For further information, visit the Department of Social and Family Affairs website at [www.welfare.ie/publications/sw107.html#7](http://www.welfare.ie/publications/sw107.html#7)

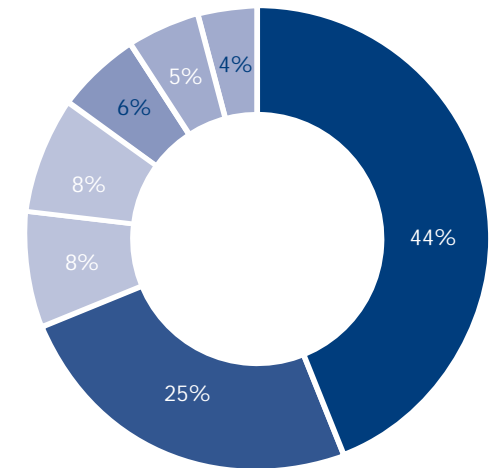
### RTÉ and the Licence Fee

Licence Fee revenue is used to fund RTÉ's Public Service activities. The cost of providing these services is however substantially in excess of the amount of public funding received in the form of Licence Fee revenue and for this reason RTÉ also engages in significant commercial activities.

Currently, approximately 50% of RTÉ's revenue is derived from the Licence Fee and approximately 50% from commercial income. Some of RTÉ's activities receive complete public funding, some receive limited public funding and some receive no public funding.

### How is the Licence Fee spent?

In 2006, the Licence Fee income was distributed across the RTÉ services as illustrated in this chart.



- 44% RTÉ One
- 25% RTÉ Two
- 8% RTÉ Radio 1
- 8% RTÉ Performing Groups
- 6% RTÉ RnaG
- 5% Support provided to TG4
- 4% RTÉ lyric fm

NOTE: RTÉ 2fm and RTÉ Publishing (RTÉ Aertel, rte.ie, RTÉ Guide) did not receive any public funding.

Source: RTÉ Annual Report 2006