

## Do I need a music licence?

For private party hire, **no**.

For “commercial” hire, where you charge for your class or event, and use recorded or live music, **probably**.

*TheMusicLicence* <https://pplprs.co.uk> provides a streamlined music licensing service, with a single point of contact, to make it easier to legally play and perform music. Previously, businesses had to obtain a separate music licence from both PPL and PRS for Music. However, they have come together to form PPL PRS to collect fees for both PRS and PPL.

**PRS** (Performing Rights Society – which pays the people who own the music) is tied to the building, and the hall pays for a PRS licence which covers all users of the building.

**PPL** (Public Performance Licence/Phonographic Performance Limited – which pays the people who perform the music) is tied to the user. As trustees we only hire out the rooms and do not use them ourselves and so do not need a PPL licence. Even if we did need a PPL licence, e.g. for running our own fund-raising events, that licence would not cover our users, and all users who are liable for a PPL licence are responsible for obtaining their own. Consult *TheMusicLicence* at <https://pplprs.co.uk> to find the PPL tariff relating to your activity.