

Getting a License for your Wedding Video

Applications for a video license for a wedding is now available from the Performing Rights Society (PRS for Music).

The license required is to make physical copies of the wedding (typically DVDs), and not to actually do the video recording. It is known as “Limited Manufacture” license. In order to ensure that the legalities are correct, we need to know that the correct license has been obtained, either by you or your video-er.

The license needed depends on two things : Firstly whether any recorded music (eg off a CD) is used in the service and included on the DVD; and secondly, how many DVDs you intend to make.

This table comes from the PRS website, and gives the costs. If the music on the DVD is live only (organ, choir etc) then you need the “MCPS Only Rates” column. If the DVD includes the playing of recorded music, then its the “MCPS-PPL Joint Rates” column.

A wedding will normally have < (less than) 25 minutes of music in it.

So, for example, if your wedding has just organ and sung music, and you plan to make say, 20 copies, the license will cost £20.42.

How much does it cost?

From 4 January 2011, UK VAT increases to 20%. This increase is reflected in the prices below:

Number of copies	MCPS Only Rates		MCPS - PPL Joint Rates	
	<25mins music	>25mins music	<25mins music	>25mins music
1 - 5	£7.66	£12.26	£15.32	£24.51
6 - 20	£20.42	£32.68	£40.85	£65.36
21 - 50	£27.57	£42.89	£55.15	£85.79
51 - 100	£40.85	£65.36	£81.70	£130.72
101 - 250	£71.49	£102.13	£142.98	£204.26
251 - 500	£102.13	£163.40	N/A	N/A
501 - 1,000	£204.26	£326.81	N/A	N/A

These prices include VAT

If you're doing it yourself, to get a license, it can be applied and paid for on-line by going straight to www.prsformusic.com/lm, and clicking on the “Buy Now” button at the bottom of the page.

You'll need to register with your e-mail address and make up a password. That's so that your license can be e-mailed to you.

If you want to discuss your license requirements, their very helpful office for these licenses can be contacted directly On 0208 378 7500, which will put you through to the MCPS office of the PRS.

We'd like you to print out the license from the PRS, so we can confirm that you're all legal.