#### HOUSING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

#### **Concession fees (Part 3)**

#### What are concession fees?

Licence fees (also known as a television receiver fees) are fees paid by all citizens for receiving television and radio signals or for owning a receiver capable of reproducing a broadcast. No fees are payable for a mobile phone, even if it contains an MF radio or DVB-T tuner. There are also no charges for a computer (unless you have a TV card for it).

#### Who pays these concession fees?

Concession fees must be paid by every household that has access to TV and radio reception. Basically, once you are an energy payer, you can also receive TV and radio signals and are therefore considered to be a ratepayer who must pay these charges (it is not relevant whether you use the receiver or not).

The charge is payable once for the whole household even if you have more than one receiver. You must pay the fees even if you only have the receiver on loan for more than 1 month (you are not the owner but you use the receiver).

It's different for business owners, who pay an extra fee for each receiver they use for or in connection with their business.

# How do I know I have to pay the fee?

Each person is required to sign up to pay the fees themselves within 15 days of buying a receiver or moving to a house, for example. You can register at any Czech Post office or online. If you want to use the online registration option, you need to register at the Czech Television and Czech Radio portal, where you fill in your identification data and payment details. If you are a business, you also need to declare how many TV and radio receivers you own.

Since 2017, TV and radio have been contacting households that do not pay these fees by letter. You may therefore receive an information letter at home. If you don't own a receiver, you can send an affidavit (čestné prohlášení) stating that you don't own a TV or radio receiver within 30 days after they have written to you.





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#### Who doesn't pay the fee?

- Foreigners who have not been granted a long-term residence permit (including an employee card) or permanent residence. This means that foreigners with long-term and permanent residence pay the fees, while foreigners granted asylum, subsidiary protection, long-term and short-term visas do not pay the fees.
  - households in which all members are totally deaf or blind
- Individuals who have an income of less than 2.15 times the minimum subsistence level for the previous calendar quarter (the minimum subsistence level for 2022 is CZK 4250).
- a household which for the past calendar quarter has the sum of all net incomes of all household members lower than 2.15 times the subsistence minimum

## What is the amount of concession fees?

The amount of the television fee is CZK 135 and the radio fee is CZK 45.

#### How often are the licence fees paid?

The fees are paid once a month and are due by the 15th of the month. Businesses pay the fees quarterly (directly to Czech Television and Czech Radio).

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### Can I be fined for non-payment of those fees.

The Czech Television is liable to a fine of CZK 10,000 and Czech Radio CZK 5,000.

On the topic of housing, we are preparing: delivery of mail - letter.



