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INFORMATION REGARDING FREE TELEVISION LICENSES

Can I get a free over 75 TV Licence if I live in the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey?

Following the [BBC consultation on TV Licences for older people in Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man](#), the BBC Board has announced its decision to pay for TV licences for those over 75s who are receiving financial support because they have a low income. This brings the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey broadly into line with what happens in the UK. A free licence becomes available in Sark for the first time.

These arrangements will begin from 1 January 2021. All current licences for over-75s on the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey run until 31 December 2020.

Isle of Man

In the **Isle of Man**, the BBC will pay for free TV licences for those residents who are over 75 and in receipt of Income Support. Isle of Man Social Services will let TV Licensing know who is eligible. The Isle of Man Government will pay for licences for all other over 75 residents for their main address.

Those with free licences already will have them renewed for 2021. For new free over 75 licences, the Isle of Man government will write to people before they turn 75, with all the information required.

For more information:

- call the Isle of Man Social Security on 01624 687020
- ask at your local post office or social security office, or
- go to www.gov.im ([opens in a new window](#)).

For any TV Licensing specific queries, please call 0300 790 6117*.

Jersey

In **Jersey**, the BBC will pay for free TV licences for those residents who are over 75 and would be eligible under the means-tested TV licence benefit scheme introduced by the Jersey Government in 2006.

More details on this benefit are available from the Jersey Social Security Department on 01534 445505.

[Over 75 TV Licence information on www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je) (opens in a new window)

Guernsey

In **Guernsey and Alderney** the BBC will pay for free TV licences for those residents who are over 75 and in receipt of for Income Support. Guernsey Social Services will let TV Licensing know who is eligible.

If you wish to apply for Income Support, please call Guernsey Social Services on 01481 732 508 or email incomesupport@gov.gg. **If you're 65 or over and getting income related (supplementary) benefits** you may be eligible to claim the **full cost** of your TV Licence by contacting Guernsey Social Services.

If you don't meet these conditions, and you need a TV licence, you'll need to buy one from 1 January 2021. The BBC will be writing to you to let you know what you need to do next. You don't need to do anything until the BBC writes to you. Your current licence covers you until 31 December 2020. Find out how you can [pay for a TV Licence](#).

In **Sark** the BBC will pay for free TV licences for those residents who are over 75 and are receiving financial assistance from the Procureur of Sark. The Procureur will let TV Licensing know who is eligible.

*Calls to our 0300 numbers cost no more than a national rate call to an 01 or 02 number, whether from a mobile or landline. If you get inclusive minutes, calls to an 0300 number will be included free of charge.