



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: CARE & NURSING HOMES

### 1. How can I screen films to my residents?

In order to screen films for entertainment purposes it is essential to be licensed. Under UK copyright law, a care or nursing home wishing to play a film in public will generally require the consent (licence) of the copyright owner before doing so. In public means, broadly speaking, to an audience outside of his/her domestic or home circle. If the care or nursing home does not obtain the required licence they risk infringing copyright.



**Please refer to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (and other relevant legislation) for full details or seek independent legal advice.**

So, in nearly all cases, if you are playing films outside your domestic or home circle, you will need to obtain a licence to do so. Please ensure you are showing your films within the law and your care or nursing home are screening films legitimately. To apply for a PVS Licence, please complete the online application form available at [www.filmbank.co.uk/licences/public\\_video\\_screening.asp](http://www.filmbank.co.uk/licences/public_video_screening.asp) (and select the APPLY NOW option).

The PVS Licence is an annual licence which will cover the care or nursing home for one low annual fee to show films from studios/distributors participating in the PVS Licence scheme.

A list of participating studios/distributors is set out at [www.filmbank.co.uk](http://www.filmbank.co.uk) or for further information please call +44 (0)20 7984 5921.

However, from time to time it may be necessary for Filmbank to withdraw certain films from the PVS Licence . a list of such excluded films will be posted from time to time at [www.filmbank.co.uk/pvsl](http://www.filmbank.co.uk/pvsl).

The licence will entitle you to screen films to your residents free of charge, by many of the world's leading film studios including Warner Bros., Sony Pictures Releasing(Columbia Tri-Star), Pathé, Entertainment, MGM, Lionsgate, Icon, and the Granada Rank catalogue.

This means that with one licence, you will be able to screen legendary films such as Casablanca, Calamity Jane, timeless classics including West Side Story and Oliver together with the most recent blockbuster hits including the Oscar® winning films The Queen and Julie & Julia.

### 2. How do I calculate which tariff applies to my residence?

The licence tariff is based on your total number of residents, not the total number in the room where the films are screened.

### 3. Can staff or residents invite guest to our screenings?

No. This falls outside the licence terms. A different licence is required to cover these types of events which Filmbank are also able to provide.

### 4. Do I need to purchase the films directly from Filmbank?

No . special permission has been granted to enable all PVS Licence holders to screen films using videos, DVDs or Blu-Ray Disc from our participating studios/ distributors rented or purchased from any legitimate UK rental and retail outlet.

### 5. May we promote the films we screen?

Yes. You are able to promote the film but only with the premises and to the licensed audience.



**6. We sometimes use film nights for fundraising purposes - are we covered for this under the PVS Licence?**

No. The PVS Licence does not cover screenings for commercial money-making purposes. A commercial screening Licence which is called a Single Title Screening Licence would be required for this activity. For further information about the Single Title Screening Licence please call +44 (0)20 7984 5957/58.

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