

# MUSIC USAGE CHARGES AT BRIGHTON FRINGE 2025

PPL PRS charges ensure **royalties** are deducted where **copyrighted music** has been used. We believe musicians / composers should be **paid for the use** of their music and it's easier for us to **track the music** used in your event, rather than for PRS to chase companies individually.



## PRS Charges

PRS charges relate to the use of musical compositions.

For any licenced music used, as in – you didn't write it yourself – you will be charged a PRS

PRS CHARGES 2025		
Genre of show	Percentage/amount of event running time that contains music	Net Box Office Takings Charge
<b>Music</b>	Any recorded music	4.0% + VAT
<b>Theatre</b>	Incidental Music (curtain or scene change, transition)	£15.70 (flat rate charge) + VAT
	Interpolated Music (exists in dramatic world)	<b>Must apply through PRS. Call PPL PRS at 0800 0720 808</b>
<b>All other genres</b>	2 minutes or less of any recorded music (walk on and walk off music)	0.2% + VAT
	0-25% of running time	0.5% + VAT
	25-50% of running time	1.0% + VAT
	50-75% of running time	1.5% + VAT
	<b>Undeclared usage</b>	<b>2.0% + VAT</b>



If you have further questions regarding PPL PRS, please contact [finance@brightonfringe.org](mailto:finance@brightonfringe.org)

### PPL Charges

PPL fees relate to the use of specific musical recordings. These fees are distributed as royalties to the rightsholders of that recording, such as record labels and the musicians who played on the recording in question.

<b>PPL CHARGES (fees relating to the musical recordings)</b>		
<b>Genre of show</b>	<b>Percentage/amount of event running time that contains music</b>	<b>Net Charge to net box office takings</b>
<b>Music</b>	Any recorded music	1.0% + VAT
<b>Theatre</b>	Incidental Music (curtain or scene change, transition)	£0.62 (flat rate charge) + VAT
	Interpolated Music (exists in dramatic world)	1.0% + VAT
<b>All other genres</b>	2 minutes or less of any recorded music (walk on and walk off music)	0.5% + VAT
	0-25% of running time	0.5% + VAT
	25-50% of running time	0.75% + VAT
	50-75% of running time	1.0% + VAT



### Terms explained

**Genre of show** = The genre of your event, which you should have selected on your Event Listing section of Eventotron

**Amount of event running time** = Minutes of music used as a percentage against the total running time of your event.

For example: Event running time = 60 minutes.  
 Copyrighted music used for a total of 10 minutes.  $10/60 = 16.6\%$   
 Because copyrighted music was used for less than 25% of the running time of the event, the PPL rate is 0.5% of the net Box Office takings.

**Net Box Office Takings** = These are your ticket sales, minus our Brighton Fringe box office commission (6.5%+VAT)



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