

## Performing Rights Music Licence PPL/PRS

This is clearly required by Venues (as opposed to individuals) see: <https://pplprs.co.uk/>

*PPL and PRS for Music each separately operate a number of discretionary policies setting out circumstances in which, whilst legally entitled to do so, they choose not to apply a charge. Due to the specific nature of these policies they will be applied depending on certain music usages and business. There may also be situations where the law permits music to be used without requiring TheMusicLicence, **such as where music is only performed or played for instructional purposes in an educational establishment.***

It might be argued that this is a grey area for individual Kundalini Yoga teachers in the UK. The most applicable guidelines are written for fitness instructors (including yoga) but clearly not for Kundalini Yoga instructors (spiritual, educational, meditational etc). Remember that, although the British Wheel of Yoga traditionally represented yoga as a sport, HMRC treat it as education.

The default advice to student/instructors from i-SKY then is "ask the venue if it has a licence" and advise the venue that it may need one if it does not already have one. You should not need an individual licence if you are using a venue that already has its own licence.

However, if you are teaching at home (or at a venue that does not have a licence) - what should you do?

Well you can call PPL PRS Ltd or visit their website <https://pplprs.co.uk/do-i-need-a-licence/> but it is not geared to helping yoga teachers find the information they might need. The most helpful of that companies MANY licence guidelines (and I think the only one that mentions yoga) is this one: <https://pplprs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/PPLPP222-Exercise-to-Music-Tariff-2020-1.pdf> - note the limited definition of yoga - "*flexibility/stretching/abdominal (including yoga and pilates)*". The cost per class on this licence is currently (2020) £1.65 – so £80ish per year for one class a week.

### Remember:

The default position is that the venue needs the licence not you but if the venue does not have one or if you are the venue then read the links above BEFORE calling PPL PRS and being advised by someone who thinks the yoga you are teaching can be defined as *flexibility/stretching/abdominal (including yoga and pilates)*.....

### Alternatively google:

- Public Domain Music – free to all
- Royalty Free Music – you buy the music and the right to use it without further payments
- Creative Commons Music – a flexible system affording “some rights reserved” music