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## The radio and television fee in brief

**All households in Switzerland pay a radio and television fee, regardless of whether they have a device capable of receiving radio or television programmes or not. The Serafe company usually issues an invoice for a whole year, but it is also possible to pay on a quarterly basis.**

One household – one radio and television fee. Once a year, each household in Switzerland automatically receives an invoice from Serafe for the radio and television fee for twelve months. The funds collected in this way primarily go towards financing SRG SSR as well as local radio stations and regional television stations in all the linguistic regions of Switzerland.



Each household pays the same amount, no matter how many people are living in it, whether they are Swiss or foreign nationals, asylum seekers, persons with protection status S or recipients of social assistance.

### Quarterly payments

Instead of paying once for a 12-month period, households can ask to pay quarterly for the following three months. It's quite simple: just scan the QR code which appears on the Serafe invoice and follow the instructions ([www.serafe.ch/en/the-fee/invoicing](http://www.serafe.ch/en/the-fee/invoicing)). There is no charge for asking to receive an electronic invoice, either by email or e-bill. For those who prefer to receive a paper invoice by post, there is a charge of CHF 2 per invoice.

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### Change of address

If a household moves house within Switzerland or goes to live abroad, there is no need to inform Serafe; the company is automatically informed by the residents register office. The household will then receive its invoice at the new address, or not at all if now living abroad.

### Exceptions

Persons living in a collective household such as a community accommodation for asylum seekers, an old people's home or student hostels do not have to pay the fee. The establishment where they live receives the invoice and pays it for all the residents.

If a person receives supplementary old age and survivors' or invalidity insurance benefits, they can ask for the household in which they live to be exempt. All the necessary information in this regard can be found on the back of the Serafe invoice.

### Further information



[www.bakom.admin.ch/fee](http://www.bakom.admin.ch/fee)