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PPL Licensing Update

Information updated 15th July 2021

Background

Since 2013, ukactive members have purchased their PPL exercise to music and VPL background music video licences, where required, through ukactive. Members have received a 10% discount on their PPL exercise to music licence as part of this arrangement.

A joint venture was created by PPL and PRS in 2018 to administer customer's licensing requirements. Up to this point it has meant that ukactive members have had 2 points of contact to facilitate music licensing requirements – ukactive and PPL PRS.

Over the last 18 months PPL PRS and ukactive have been discussing transition arrangements for the PPL exercise to music and VPL background tariffs to ensure a smooth transfer of administration to PPL PRS.

From 1st May 2021, ukactive have no longer been licencing ukactive members for the PPL exercise to music or VPL background tariffs. However, if members PPL exercise to music or VPL renewal dates were before 1st May 2021 then ukactive have continued to facilitate these.

July 2021 Update

Up to 31st July 2021, ukactive can continue to collect payments from members where their PPL exercise to music or VPL renewal dates were before 1st May 2021. However, from 1st August 2021 any payments received by ukactive will be returned to members, and members will need to pay PPL PRS directly.

To facilitate a smooth transfer to PPL PRS administering these licences, ukactive will be passing on details of all current unpaid licensing invoices as at 15th July 2021 to PPL PRS and they will follow up with members directly as part of their wider renewal discussions. This process will begin immediately.

In order to help with this process, members are asked to not pay ukactive for any current outstanding invoices. ukactive will be cancelling these invoices ahead of the 31st July 2021 deadline and these will then disappear from your monthly accounts statement from August onwards.

If members do pay ukactive in July for their outstanding invoice, then they will continue to be licenced in the normal manner.



Other Key Points

- Whether members pay ukactive or PPL PRS, they will not lose out financially on any prior year credits owed because of the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. Please provide the correct number of classes which were run over the last licence period to PPL PRS as part of your renewal and this can then be accurately represented on your renewal invoice.
- Members will continue to receive the 10% ukactive members' discount for any licences issued by PPL PRS between 1st May 2021 and 30th April 2022.
- Because ukactive licensing invoices are issued as pro-forma invoices, members will not be receiving separate credit note documents from ukactive relating to these pro-forma invoices. The pro-forma invoices will be deleted by ukactive by 31st July 2021 and will therefore not show as unpaid on the August account statements
- Any future queries regarding the PPL exercise to music or VPL background video music licences should be directed to gyms@pplprs.co.uk rather than to ukactive.
- The changes highlighted above only impact on the PPL and VPL tariffs. ukactive will continue to licence members for their MPLC licences for the foreseeable future. Please continue to contact licensing@ukactive.org.uk
- If you have any other questions regarding this then please speak to your ukactive Account Manager or contact membership@ukactive.org.uk