



TARIFF 19: BACKGROUND MUSIC – EVENTS, FUNCTIONS & CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Tariff for the communicating to the public of sound recordings

Effective from: 01 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

1. The communicating of sound recordings to the public is a restricted act in terms of the South African Copyright Act (Act 98 of 1978, as amended) and Performers Protection Act (11 of 1967, as amended) and requires a licence from SAMPRA for the use of sound recordings in its **repertoire**. This document sets out SAMPRA's tariff for the communicating to the public of sound recordings at **EVENTS, FUNCTIONS & CONFERENCE FACILITIES**.
2. This tariff is subject to SAMPRA's "General Terms and Conditions for Communicating Sound Recordings to the Public Licences", a copy of which can be accessed on SAMPRA's website (<http://www.sampra.org.za>) or obtained by contacting SAMPRA (see contact details here above).
3. This tariff applies to the communicating to the public of sound recordings for events and functions in halls (church halls, municipal halls, community halls, school halls, co-operative halls, sports hall, etc.) and conference centres (conferences, seminars, product launches, etc.) as **background music**. There are specific types of communicating sound recordings to the public that SAMPRA does not classify as **background music** and which are licensed under separate tariffs.
4. Penalty Clause – A SAMPRA licence should be obtained before sound recordings are publicly communicated. Should sound recordings be communicated to the public without first obtaining or renewing a licence, a surcharge can be added to this tariff. This is designed to act as a deterrent to unlicensed communications to the public of sound recordings.
5. The licence fees payable under this tariff are set out in the table below:

Attendances	Fees Per Event Per Annum
1 – 500	R 248.06
501 – 2000	R 496.09
2001 – 3500	R 992.14
3501 – 5000	R 1 488.26
5001 – 6500	R 1 984.30
6501 – 8000	R 2 480.39
8001 – 9500	R 2 976.49
9501 – 11000	R 3 472.55

Fees increase at R496.09 per 1500 persons or part thereof attending per annum.

VAT will be added to the fee at the current rate.

6. Explanatory Notes:

The name of each room/hall where function/event will be held as well as the number and type of functions/events that will be held there per annum, and the average attendance per function/event must be supplied, for the determination of the annual licence fee payable.

Please take note that functions/events where Mobile DJ's are to be used, the name and licence number of the Mobile DJ must be supplied.

7. Definitions:

“Background Music” means the playing of recorded music to create an atmosphere or ambience that is not a special feature of, or essential to, the main event or is not essential to the operation of the premises.

“Repertoire” means the collection of copyright sound recordings owned or controlled by members of SAMPRA from time to time.

Should you require additional information, please contact our Licensing Team as per details below:

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