



## **GUIDANCE FOR TEACHERS – INSURANCE AND PPLPRS**

There has been much “advice/guidance” regarding these subjects on social media over the last few days. This guidance is of course advice and we cannot instruct you how to run your business, but please note the following:

### ***PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE***

This is required whenever you run any type of class in whatever media, be it online, in a studio or from your home. Some insurance may cover you if you own a studio and wish to use it from home, some may not. Some will cover you and not your teachers wishing to do work from home, please check individual insurance policies.

### ***PPLPRS***

This may be a licence that until now many self-employed teachers may not have heard of BUT are now teaching from home. PPLPRS is an organisation that provide royalties to performers/musicians having their music played in any public domain which includes a studio or online. This actually protects those playing the music from record companies.

This is important to note until resolved -

*Regardless whether the music is PPL free or not and whether it is streamed or pre-recorded, on a private website with a LOML licence – you cannot “officially” put images (live stream or video) to an audio track without seeking permission (and paying) the publishers – i.e. getting permission or a synchronisation licence for every single track you want to use e.g. Universal or Warner’s etc.*

There has been a recent incident where a facebook page has been taken down by Warner’s because it was using their material without permission. PPLPRS are aware of this situation and are actively looking into this and hope to provide a temporary licence for online use within days to stop this happening.

In the interim, maybe search for “licence free music” All current dancesport music will come with licence requirements with only a few exceptions.

*This is the current statement from PPLPRS – March 2020 – taken from the web site*

PPL PRS Ltd fully appreciates the pressures affecting many businesses across the UK as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We wish to reassure customers of TheMusicLicence that we are introducing a number of measures to support them during these unprecedented times. These include:

**Not charging customers for their music usage during the period they are closed (temporarily or permanently) due to COVID-19;**

**Changes to our payment policies to introduce further flexibility, including deferred payments, for customers during this difficult period and temporary suspension of late payment surcharges.**

This information can be found on their website. However, this is if you have stopped using the licence in any form. Payments will not be returned, it will be discussed when your policy is due for renewal and credits will be applied. If you cancel it totally, you lose all the money. If your business unfortunately closes, you need to inform them of this and they will refund you.

**There are two types of license for dance teachers and studios in operation – they are as follows –**

**PPLPP020** – This is bought by an individual or by a studio and is based on the actual number of attendees you have through the door – This is ideal for the teacher “on their own”. If you hold this license as an individual then you are covered. IF the studio is closed or the principle is now using it as an “new” individual, then ALL individual instructors previously based in a studio or hall venue wanting to continue delivering classes they will need to take out the dance teachers licence. This can be a three-month licence.

**PPLPP021** – This is for studio owners only and is not transferable to anyone else. Again, studio owners are covered for their studio but teachers working outside of this are not. This is based on the number of weeks the studio is open and for how many hours a day.

[www.pplprs.co.uk](http://www.pplprs.co.uk)

These are very worrying times for all. This information is there for you to take on

board should you so wish and to stop any possible repercussions. Keep checking the "Themusiclicence" web site. It may mean at present you are not complying and possibly think it will not be you that is targeted. Maybe it could.