

do I need a **dj licence** or a **music supply service licence?**

The answer to this question depends on **who** is playing the music.

disc jockey

Definition

“1.(c) from the DJ Agreement

"Disc Jockey Service" means the enterprise of copying Sound Recordings for the sole purpose of compiling Programs for the purpose of performance of recorded musical entertainment by an individual for the public at various functions, notwithstanding whether Licensee received payment or not for the performance of recorded musical entertainment.”

A DJ licence is required to make duplications of sound recordings from an original source onto a computer hard drive, CD-Rs or cassettes for use by an individual for public performance, to provide entertainment or background listening for other than private use. The DJ determines the style and mix of music played at an event.

music supply service

Definition

“(j) from the MSS Hard Drive Compression Agreement

“Music Supply Service” means Licensee's commercial customized subscription music service Leasing the Digital Programs to Commercial Subscribers strictly for playback by Commercial Subscribers for the purposes of entertainment of the public and/or as background sounds in business and retail establishments.”

A Music Supply Service licence is required to make duplications of sound recordings from an original source onto any device where the music is leased to provide entertainment or background music where a DJ may not be present. “Digital Jukeboxes” are one example. The music is played at the discretion of the subscriber, not by the service which provided it.