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The answer to this frequently raised question is generally yes! Anyone who is using a microphone be it for a company presentation in a hotel function room or a sermon in a Sunday morning church service needs a microphone licence to safeguard the quality and reliability of their broadcasts.

Why should I buy a radio microphone licence?

Holding a microphone licence guarantees your use of a designated frequency to broadcast on without the concern of others being able to legally utilise that channel and interrupt any presentations or broadcasts you may be making.

Why the change now?

Over the past few years, the government has been slowly selling off many frequencies which people were broadcasting on. As many users were broadcasting illegally without licences, the number of active users was masked and it appeared that the sale would affect far fewer people than it actually has. Subsequently, many users have had to replace their hardware to continue to broadcast as these channels will no longer be available. Moving forward, if all users hold a licence this will clearly demonstrate the number of active users and help to prevent this from happening again in the future.

What about other users in my venue?

Hotel function rooms and church halls are often used by DJs for corporate or private functions. DJs can broadcast on 'licence free/shared channels' and these will not interfere with the licensed frequencies you want to broadcast on.

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What about the hardware?

Generally, the equipment needed to operate on licensed channels is of higher quality with more accessories, which in turn provides superior performance. Typically licensed hardware includes;

- A rechargeable battery system so you know your microphone is always ready for use and you do not have to constantly buy new batteries.
- External and specialist aerials to ensure that you have perfect reception in all areas.
- Rack-mountable accessories to ensure that your equipment can be stored neatly to improve its longevity and give good ROI, (return on investment).
- A good range of interchangeable microphones and head for all types of voice and sound reinforcement applications.

What do I need to do?

If you are unsure about how to proceed please contact us at CGA Integration and we can talk you through all your requirements and the steps you need to take to make sure that the transition is seamless.

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