

Can I claim a tax deduction if I upgrade my property's antenna system?

If you own an investment property, you may be able to claim a tax deduction for part or all of the cost of the purchase or upgrade of the antenna equipment for your rental property. To find out whether you're eligible, contact the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), or download the ATO "Rental Properties" guide at www.ato.gov.au/rental

Accessing TV from the new satellite service

The Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service ensures viewers living outside the coverage area of local terrestrial television services, can enjoy the benefits of digital TV.

If your property needs to access digital TV through the satellite service, you will need to have an appropriate satellite dish installed to replace any rooftop antenna. You can apply for access to VAST by entering your address into *mySwitch* at www.digitalready.gov.au

Endorsed Antenna Installers

Contact an antenna installer for advice about the right antenna system for your property. You can find a list of Australian Government Endorsed Antenna Installers in your area through *mySwitch* on the Digital Ready website or by calling the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

Where can I find out more?

For more information about the switch to digital TV and how to prepare your property:

Visit

www.digitalready.gov.au

Call the Digital Ready Information Line
1800 20 10 13

Download one of the Digital TV Antenna Systems handbooks as well as factsheets for tenants and owners corporations from the website.



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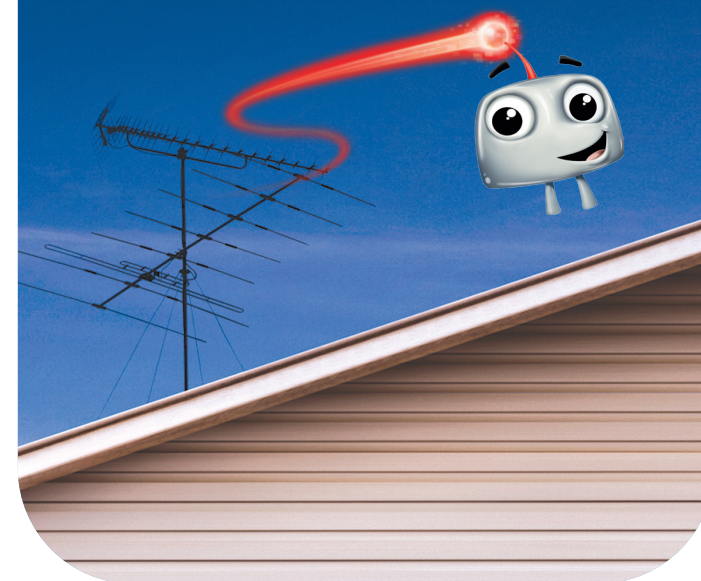
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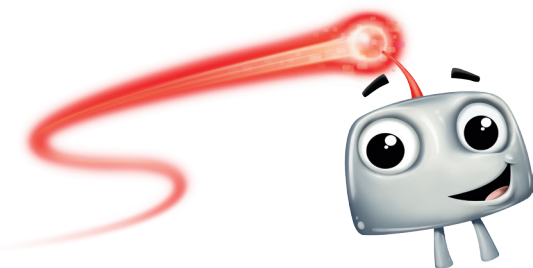
READY

for digital TV?

Important information
for landlords and property
managers.



By the end of 2013, analog free-to-air TV signals will be switched off permanently and replaced with digital-only TV.



Is my property digital ready?

If you own or manage a property, you need to check now that it is digital ready to ensure your tenants will be able to watch free-to-air TV once the analog signals are switched off in the area. Your tenants will expect you to ensure the property is digital ready, so the sooner you're prepared, the better it will be for your property investment.

Digital TV provides 16 free-to-air channels, improved picture quality and CD quality sound. Digital TV is available right across the country so you do not need to wait to be digital ready.

What are the tenant's responsibilities?

To watch digital TV the tenant is responsible for ensuring that they have the right equipment to receive digital television – equipment like a set-top box (for connecting to an analog TV) or a TV with a built-in digital tuner. They will need to be able to tune their TV to pick up the digital television services broadcast in their area, and the tenant is also responsible for connecting their TV to the wall socket.

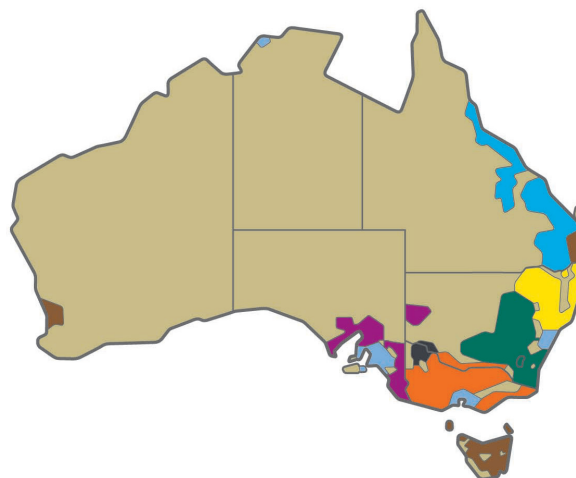
What are the landlord's responsibilities?

As a landlord or property manager, you need to ensure that the antenna system for your property continues to provide your tenant with television services.

The landlord is responsible for maintaining the antenna, repairing the cabling that leads from the antenna to the wall socket, along with any splitters or amplifiers if these are a part of the antenna system, and meeting the installation costs for any upgrades.

The best way to find out what antenna is right for the frequencies the local TV services are transmitted on and when switchover will occur is to enter your property address into *mySwitch* on the Digital Ready website www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

Digital switchover timetable



● Mildura	Switched off
● Areas of regional SA & Broken Hill	Switched off
● Areas of regional VIC	Switched off
● Areas of regional QLD	Switched off
● Areas of southern NSW & ACT	Switched off
● Areas of northern NSW	27 November 2012
● Perth, Brisbane & areas of Tasmania	1st half 2013
● Melbourne, Adelaide, Darwin & Sydney	2nd half 2013
● Remote central and eastern Australia, regional and remote WA and all other areas	2nd half 2013

Please note: switch off may occur earlier in some towns relying on a self-help transmission tower. Residents in these towns will be informed about the switchover dates. See the website for more information.