

DIGITAL SWITCHOVER CHECKLIST



**Not sure about the Digital Switchover and whether you are ready for it?
Here's a handy checklist:**

Switchover happens in the **Wakefield** area in September in two stages starting with analogue BBC2 being switched off on **7 September** and ending on **21 September** when all the rest of the analogue channels follow suit. Everyone needs to be ready to tune in to digital by then.

Are all your television sets ready for digital?

- ✓ You don't need to change your TV - you can convert it to digital using a digital (set-top) box*, which will cost from around £25 - but you will need to convert every TV you want to watch after switchover

Have you got SKY; freesat from Sky or Freesat or Cable TV?

- ✓ You don't need to take any action - these are digital services and are unaffected by switchover - but don't forget - you will need to convert any other sets in your home which use an aerial.

Have you already got Freeview (digital tv through your aerial)?

- ✓ You will need to retune your Freeview equipment at each stage of switchover to make sure you continue to get all the available channels

Your questions answered:

Do I need to change my aerial?

If your aerial is in good condition and you get clear pictures now, **NO**. You should have no difficulty getting at least fifteen channels from Freeview after switchover. (Some viewers who haven't already done so may need to get a wideband aerial to receive additional channels)

How do I tune in or retune my digital equipment?

Retuning is easy, using the menu button on your remote control. Look out the instruction manual if you still have it, or for more information, visit digitaluk.co.uk/retuning or call the Advice Line on **08456 50 50 50**. You should retune your digital equipment regularly to make sure it is always up-to-date with the latest channels and services

I only have analogue and can't get any Freeview channels at the moment - what will I get after switchover?

Local relay transmitters only broadcast analogue services until switchover. At switchover, the analogue will be switched off and the transmitters will be converted to digital, meaning that their viewers will get access to Freeview channels for the first time

How can I find out what services are available where I live?

Visit the Digital UK website at digitaluk.co.uk and enter your postcode and house name or number for information about the services which are available in your area

Is there more help available?

The Switchover Help Scheme can convert one television to digital for you if you are aged 75 or over, disabled, blind or partially-sighted, or have lived in a care home for six months or more. Visit helpscheme.co.uk for more information or call **0800 40 85 900**

What about my video or DVD recorder?

Video and DVD recorders which have analogue tuners inside them will still work to play back tapes and pre-recorded discs, but you won't be able to watch one programme and record something else. A digital tv recorder will let you do this and will also convert your analogue television to digital if you get one with two digital tuners inside

**Digital (set-top) boxes connect to the SCART socket on your TV using a SCART lead. If your TV doesn't have a SCART socket, you'll need a digital (set-top) box with a built-in RF modulator to convert through the aerial socket*

If you have any other questions about the switchover look out for the handy switchover guide which will be coming through your door during May, contact DigitalUK on 08456 50 50 50, or visit digitaluk.co.uk