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Streaming Australian Free-to-Air Television Without an Antenna

How to watch Australia's major free-to-air television channels using internet streaming services

AT A GLANCE

All of Australia's major free-to-air television networks offer live streaming of their primary channels. Availability can vary for regional channels, local news, sporting events and programs subject to separate streaming rights.

Overview

Australia's major free-to-air broadcasters provide live television through their own internet applications. These services can be used on compatible Smart TVs, streaming devices, tablets, phones and computers. Most require a free account and a suitable broadband connection.

Network summary

The following table summarises the principal live-streaming service and commonly available live channels offered by each major Australian free-to-air television network.

Network	Live Streaming	App / Platform	Free Account
ABC	Yes	ABC iview	Yes
SBS	Yes	SBS On Demand	Yes
Seven	Yes	7plus	Yes
Nine	Yes	9Now	Yes
Network 10	Yes	10 Play	Yes

Network live-streaming details

The services below provide the broadest practical selection of live Australian free-to-air channels. Channel line-ups can vary by region and device.

- ABC iview: ABC TV, ABC Entertains, ABC Family, ABC Kids during broadcast hours and ABC News. Regional users generally receive their local ABC news bulletin.

- SBS On Demand: SBS, SBS VICELAND, SBS Food, SBS World Movies, SBS WorldWatch and NITV, plus a substantial on-demand library.
- 7plus: Channel 7, 7mate, 7two, 7flix and 7Bravo where available. Some sports and syndicated programs may be restricted by streaming rights.
- 9Now and 10 Play: Channel 9, 9Gem, 9Go!, 9Life and 9Rush; plus Channel 10, 10 Bold, 10 Peach and Nickelodeon where available. Some sporting events may use separate streaming arrangements.

Do you need an aerial, and are the services free?

No television aerial is required when using an internet-connected Smart TV, streaming device, tablet, phone or computer. All five broadcaster services are free to use, although each generally requires a free account. Commercial networks are advertising-funded, while ABC and SBS are publicly funded.

Picture quality and reliability depend on the broadcaster, the selected program, your device, internet speed and Wi-Fi coverage. A wired Ethernet connection can provide more consistent performance where it is practical.

Programs, channels and sports may occasionally be unavailable online because internet streaming rights can differ from traditional television broadcast rights.

MISTER IT RECOMMENDATION

For households with reliable broadband, live streaming can provide access to the major Australian free-to-air networks without an antenna. Install the five official broadcaster applications and use a stable Wi-Fi or Ethernet connection. Mister IT can assist with setup, account configuration and streaming performance problems.

Watching everything in one place

- There is no single official application that combines every Australian free-to-air live stream; each broadcaster controls its own application.
- Freeview FV can aggregate content and direct users to participating broadcaster services.
- Google TV can surface programs and applications from multiple services on compatible devices.
- Smart TVs from manufacturers such as Samsung, LG and Sony often place the broadcaster applications together within their home screen or application menu.
- Install ABC iview, SBS On Demand, 7plus, 9Now and 10 Play to obtain the broadest practical access to Australian free-to-air streaming.
- Sign in to each application and confirm the correct postcode or location so that regional programming and local news are selected where supported.

Additional information

Mister IT can assist with Smart TV setup, streaming-device installation, application configuration, account setup, Wi-Fi optimisation and troubleshooting buffering, weak wireless coverage or connection problems.

Log a Service Request with Mister IT for assistance if you need help ..

- Understanding whether or not your Internet connection is capable of streaming Free-to-air TV ?
- Understanding whether or not your Television is capable of streaming Free-to-air TV ?
- Setting up the channels on your Television ?

Please SCAN the following QR code or visit <http://misterit.com.au/request-help>



Select one of the 'free-view' options and include the following information if possible.

- Television make and model
- Internet Service Provider (Telstra/Aussie Broadband/AGL/Starlink etc)
- Internet Plan Details.

Smart TV or streaming issues

Important limitations

Channel availability, local news regions, picture quality, supported devices and sporting rights can differ by location. Broadcasters can also change their applications, account requirements and supported television models over time.

Technical information disclaimer

This Technical Article is provided by Mister IT for general information and guidance. Streaming services, channel availability, applications, supported devices and broadcast rights can change over time. Information should be verified with the relevant broadcaster before purchasing equipment or relying on a particular streaming service. Recommendations may need to be adapted to the specific television, device, internet service and home network environment.

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