

Free to view digital tv offers an exciting way to upgrade your television experience by providing better picture and sound quality.

To ensure you achieve the best performance from your digital tv system, make sure you follow these guidelines when connecting your free to view digital tv set top box.

## Do I need to upgrade my antenna to receive free to view digital tv?

Receiving free to view digital tv should not require a new antenna, providing it is in good condition and relatively new.

However, free to view digital tv viewing is only as good as the weakest link in the reception chain. A faulty antenna or poor quality cabling may lead to free to view digital tv pictures 'breaking up' or 'pixilating', and loss of audio. Some older antennas cannot pick up all the channels allocated to new digital services. Salt air, birds and windy conditions can also limit the useful life of your antenna.

If it is time to consider upgrading your antenna and cabling system, make sure your antenna installer:

- installs the correct VHF and/or UHF antenna for your area
- unless necessary, avoids using antenna amplifiers and does not use excessive amplifier gain
- installs quad-shielded coax cable and F connectors



If you do not need to upgrade your antenna, but wish to improve your reception of free to view digital tv, follow these general guidelines:

- if possible, connect the antenna fly lead directly into the digital receiver
- use quad-shielded coax cable for the antenna fly lead
- make sure all connections are a firm fit

If you live in an apartment, you may experience special difficulties if you rely on a Master Antenna Television (MATV) system to receive off-air free to view digital tv. Visit the DBA website at [www.dba.org.au/apartments](http://www.dba.org.au/apartments) for more information.

