

Guide to Doc Edge Virtual Cinema

About Doc Edge Virtual Cinema

Doc Edge Virtual Cinema enables audiences across Aotearoa New Zealand to see the 2026 festival films and will run **from 27 July to 10 August 2026**. During this time, you can watch 71 films online, anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand.

General information

- **All films have a geo-block for Aotearoa New Zealand.** This means you can watch the films only in New Zealand.
- **Four films not available are** *American Doctor*, *Seized*, *The Werewolf in the Waves*, and *Unlikely Kin*.
- A list of Closed Captions / Full English Subtitles films are available. Look for the "Closed Captions" or "Full English Subtitles" tags on the film page.
- You can buy tickets and passes from now until the Virtual Cinema closes on 10 August. To see all the details, go to the [tickets](#) page. Use this guide to choose:
 - A **single ticket** is best if you watch fewer than 7 films. To buy a single ticket, go to the page for the film.
 - A **pass** is best if you watch 7 films or more. There are three passes: the 8-Film Pass (any 8 films), the Shorts Binge Pass (all 26 short films), and the Full Binge Pass (all 71 films).
 - Doc Edge Members always get the lowest ticket prices. To become a member, go [here](#).
- **When you push Play, you have 48 hours to watch the film.** During this time, you can stop, start again, and watch the film again as many times as you want. After 48 hours, the film shows an Expired tag. You cannot watch the film again.

Before you start

Make sure that you are ready to watch online. For the best experience,:

1. Use a strong internet connection.
2. Watch the film on a mobile phone, a tablet, a desktop computer, or a TV.
3. To watch on a TV, cast or mirror the film from your mobile device.

There is no Doc Edge app this year as we are using a different streaming platform.

How does Virtual Cinema work?

Here is a quick overview of how Virtual Cinema works, followed by a detailed guide.

1/ Create or Login to your Doc Edge Account



2/ Browse films, buy tickets or redeem passes



3/ Find and watch online



Step 1: Create or Login with a Doc Edge account.

A **Doc Edge account** is **mandatory** in order to buy tickets or passes and watch films online.

Instruction:

1. On the top right corner of the website, **click on the human icon**
2. You will be prompted to login with an email address and password.
 - For existing Doc Edge account users, **sign in with your credentials.**
 - For new users, **create a Doc Edge account.**

Step 2: Browse films, buy tickets / redeem passes

Browse from [Doc Edge 2026 Films](#) page, select a film, and click through to the film page,

Note:

- If you are **buying a ticket**, the correct ticket pricing will automatically apply, e.g., a full ticket for non member, will show \$25, and \$18 for a Doc Edge member.
- If you have **pre-purchased a 8-film pass**, you can select to redeem
- If you have **pre-purchased a Shorts or Full Binge pass**, skip this step and go straight to Step 3.

Instructions:

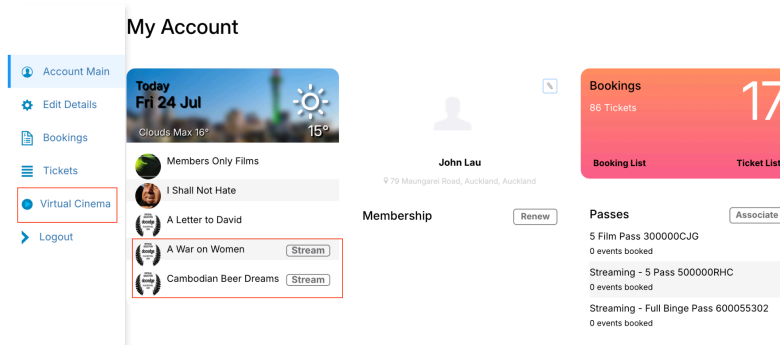
1. On the film page, go to **Buy Tickets**, select **Online**
2. Buy a ticket or redeem a film (for 8-film pass holder), enter the **quantity**
3. Click **Add to Cart**

4. Click **Checkout**. If you have not signed in using a Doc Edge account, it will prompt you to login or set one up.
5. **Make payment using a debit / credit card** as instructed. Once payment is made, a receipt will be sent to your designated email address.

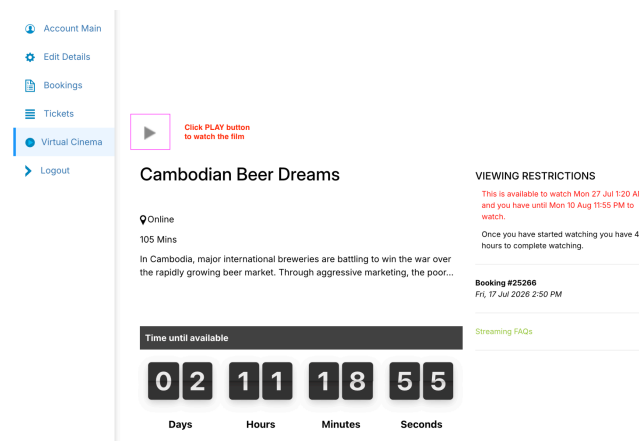
Step 3: Find your films and watch online.

Access from a Computer or Tablet,

1. Click on **My Account** (top right of the page) to your My Account dashboard.
2. All the films that you have purchased will be listed on here. Click **STREAM**



3. You will be redirected to the film page. Click the **PLAY** button to watch.
Note: When you push Play, you have **48 hours to watch the film**. During this time, you can stop, start again, and watch the film again as many times as you want. After 48 hours, the film shows an Expired tag. You cannot watch the film again.



More Helpful Information

How to Play a Film on Your TV

There are a few easy ways to get a movie from your phone or computer onto the big screen. Pick the method that matches the equipment you have. Each option below is written step by step, so you can just follow along.

Before you start

- Make sure your TV is switched on and you know how to change its input/source (usually a **Source** or **Input** button on the remote).
 - Have the movie ready to play in an app or web browser.
 - For the wireless options, your phone/computer and TV usually need to be on the **same Wi-Fi network**.
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Option 1: Screen Mirroring from an iPhone or iPad (AirPlay)

Best if you have an **Apple device** and an AirPlay-compatible TV (many modern smart TVs support this).

1. Open the **Control Centre** on your device:
 - iPhone with Face ID or newer iPad: swipe **down** from the top-right corner.
 - Older iPhone/iPad with a Home button: swipe **up** from the bottom.
2. Tap **Screen Mirroring**.
3. Choose your TV from the list and follow any prompts (you may need to enter a code shown on the TV).
4. Once connected, open **Safari** (or your streaming app) and play the movie. It will appear on the TV.

To stop: Open Control Centre again, tap Screen Mirroring, then Stop Mirroring.

Option 2: Screen Mirroring / Casting from Android

Best if you have an **Android phone or tablet** and a smart TV or Chromecast.

1. Swipe down from the top of the screen to open **Quick Settings**.
 2. Tap **Cast**, **Smart View**, or **Screen Mirroring** (the name varies by brand).
 3. Select your TV from the list.
 4. Play the movie — it will show on the TV.
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Option 3: Chromecast

Best for streaming a specific movie from the **Chrome browser** on a computer.

1. Plug the **Chromecast** into an HDMI port on your TV and connect its power.
2. Switch the TV to that HDMI input.
3. On your computer, open the movie in the **Chrome browser** (Chromecast works from Chrome, not other browsers).
4. Start playing the movie.
5. Click the **Cast icon** (a small screen with a Wi-Fi symbol) and select your Chromecast device.

The movie will stream to your TV.

Option 4: HDMI Cable (wired connection)

The most reliable option — no Wi-Fi needed. Best if the wireless methods aren't working.

1. Plug one end of the **HDMI cable** into your TV and note the **HDMI input number** (e.g. HDMI 1, HDMI 2).
2. Plug the other end into your computer.
3. Using the TV remote, set the TV to the **matching HDMI input**.
4. For the best picture, set your computer's display output to **HD (1920 x 1080)**.
5. Once the picture shows on the TV, start playing the movie.

If you get a DRM or licensing error:

- Update your web browser to the latest version.
 - Connect everything **before** you start playing the movie.
 - If it still won't play, try another method (screen mirroring or Chromecast).
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Option 5: Built-in Smart TV Apps

Many TVs already have streaming apps built in — the simplest option if yours does.

1. Press the **Home** button on your TV remote.
 2. Select the built-in browser, go to <https://docedge.nz>
 3. Sign in with your Doc Edge account and play the movie directly on the TV — no phone or computer needed.
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Quick Troubleshooting

- **TV shows "No Signal":** Check you've selected the correct HDMI input/source.
- **Can't find your TV in the cast list:** Make sure both devices are on the same Wi-Fi network.
- **No sound:** Check the TV volume and that it isn't muted; for HDMI, make sure the TV is set to HDMI audio.
- **Choppy or buffering video:** Move closer to the Wi-Fi router, or use the HDMI cable method for a stable connection.
- **Still stuck:** Restart the TV and your device, then try again.