



Digital broadcasting takes off in 2010

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You may be able to view up to 20 channels on your TV by the end of next year - even if you do not have satellite.

Digital Dzonga Council - a group that is busy working on changing our country's broadcasting from analogue to digital - was launched yesterday.

Government decided more than three years ago to switch to digital as it is the technology that is currently used internationally.

Officials started migrating last year and it is hoped that the switch will be completed in 2011.

Spokesperson for Digital Dzonga Council, Karen Willenberg says next year - if you do not have satellite - you will have to buy a type of decoder that will ensure your TV is able to pick up a digital feed.

"For ordinary television viewers like you and me, this is a very exciting development . I think digital technology is going to bring the viewer at home more channels, programme guides better sound, better video quality, the kind of services that really only satellite viewers are used to. The boxes are not available for sale yet. In the first half of 2010, boxes will be available."