

# Auction of 26 GHz band spectrum

## Notice under subsection 25(1) of the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation—26 GHz Band) Determination 2020

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) gives notice under subsection 25(1) of the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation—26 GHz Band) Determination 2020 (the allocation determination) of the upcoming auction of spectrum in the 26 GHz band.

### Key dates

Key dates for parties interested in applying to participate in the auction outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Key dates for the 26 GHz band auction

Event	Date
<b>Applications open</b> The ACMA advertises the auction, publishes the Applicant information package and applications open.	14 December 2020
<b>Application deadline</b> By this date and time, any person wishing to be an applicant will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; give a completed application form</li> <li>&gt; give a completed deed of acknowledgement form</li> <li>&gt; give a completed deed of confidentiality form</li> <li>&gt; pay the application fee to the ACMA on behalf of the Commonwealth.</li> </ul>	2:00 pm, 21 January 2021
<b>Eligibility deadline</b> By this date, applicants will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; give a completed eligibility nomination form</li> <li>&gt; pay an eligibility payment, or give a deed of financial security, to the ACMA on behalf of the Commonwealth, or a combination of both.</li> </ul>	2:00 pm, 9 March 2021
<b>Estimated auction commencement</b>	Mid-April 2021 (after Easter)

### Important note

The key dates in Table 1 may be subject to change. Interested parties should monitor the ACMA's website at [www.acma.gov.au/26-ghz-spectrum-auction](http://www.acma.gov.au/26-ghz-spectrum-auction) for the latest information about the auction.

## Parts of the spectrum to be auctioned

A summary of the products on offer is in Table 2 below. There are 360 lots on offer in the auction. The ACMA has set the starting price for the lots of each product in accordance with paragraph 27(1)(a) of the allocation determination.

**Table 2: Products on offer in the 26 GHz band auction**

Product	Product name	Frequency range (GHz)	No. of lots	Starting price (per lot)
ADEL01	Adelaide	25.1–27.5	12	\$1,163,000
CANB01	Canberra	25.1–27.5	12	\$375,000
DARW01	Darwin	25.1–27.5	12	\$115,000
GBRL01	Greater Brisbane/ Lismore	25.1–27.5	12	\$3,044,000
MELB01	Melbourne/Ballarat	25.1–27.5	12	\$4,129,000
SYBA01	Sydney/Bathurst	25.1–27.5	12	\$4,969,000
ALAN01	Albany	25.1–27.5	12	\$28,000
ALUR01	Albury	25.1–27.5	12	\$79,000
ARMI01	Armidale	25.1–27.5	12	\$20,000
BEND01	Bendigo	25.1–27.5	12	\$87,000
BNHB01	Bundaberg/ Hervey Bay	25.1–27.5	12	\$123,000
CAIR01	Cairns	25.1–27.5	12	\$137,000
COFF01	Coffs Harbour	25.1–27.5	12	\$64,000
FRTC01	Forster/Tuncurry	25.1–27.5	12	\$19,000
LAUN01	Launceston	25.1–27.5	12	\$85,000
MACK01	Mackay	25.1–27.5	12	\$73,000
MILD01	Mildura	25.1–27.5	12	\$45,000
PTMC01	Port Macquarie	25.1–27.5	12	\$46,000
ROCK01	Rockhampton	25.1–27.5	12	\$71,000
SHMO01	Shepparton/ Mooroopna	25.1–27.5	12	\$45,000
TOWN01	Townsville	25.1–27.5	12	\$156,000
TRMO01	Traralgon/Morwell	25.1–27.5	12	\$63,000
WAGA01	Wagga Wagga	25.1–27.5	12	\$49,000
WARR01	Warrnambool	25.1–27.5	12	\$32,000
GPER01	Greater Perth Lower	25.1–27.0	19	\$869,000
GPER02	Greater Perth Upper	27.0–27.5	5	\$652,000
HOBA01	Hobart Lower	25.1–27.0	19	\$92,000
HOBA02	Hobart Upper	27.0–27.5	5	\$69,000
MARG01	Margaret River Lower	25.1–27.0	19	\$5,000
MARG02	Margaret River Upper	27.0–27.5	5	\$4,000

Further information about these lots is in the Radiocommunications Spectrum Marketing Plan (26 GHz Band) 2020.

## How the auction will be conducted

The auction will be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in the allocation determination, using an enhanced simultaneous multi-round ascending (ESMRA) auction format.

As outlined in the allocation determination, the ESMRA auction format consists of the following stages:

1. **Primary stage** – clock auction offering frequency-generic lots in each region to determine the quantity of spectrum won by each bidder. The primary stage includes a pre-bidding phase where bidders may confirm or change their provisional start demands and minimum spectrum requirement selections.
2. **Secondary stage** – for the offer of any single lot of a product that was unallocated in the primary stage.
3. **Assignment stage** – for assignment of specific frequencies to lots allocated in the primary and secondary stages.

## Invitation to participate

The ACMA invites interested parties to apply to take part in the auction.

## Applicant information package

To help prospective participants prepare for the auction, the ACMA has published the Applicant information package (AIP). The AIP includes the auction guide, legislative instruments, forms, details about fees and payments, key dates, and information on how to lodge auction documents.

The AIP can be obtained from the 26 GHz auction page on the ACMA's website:

[www.acma.gov.au/26-ghz-spectrum-auction](http://www.acma.gov.au/26-ghz-spectrum-auction).

### Auction guide

The auction guide provides more information about the lots on offer and how interested parties can take part in the auction.

### Application fee

The application fee for the auction is A\$10,000. This fee is non-refundable, except in the circumstances outlined in section 24 of the allocation determination.

### Withdrawing from the auction

The eligibility deadline (or extended eligibility deadline if there is one) is the latest point at which a person may withdraw from the auction. A person who has registered to participate in the auction may only withdraw from the auction by giving written notice to the ACMA by the eligibility deadline (or extended eligibility deadline if there is one). For more information about the extended eligibility deadline, see the auction guide.

## How to contact us

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