

Cost Recovery Implementation Statement: Fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services, budget year 2023–24

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Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Cost Recovery Implementation Statement

In accordance with the Australian Government Charging Framework, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is required to prepare and publish a Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) before charging can commence.

This Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) provides information on how we implement cost recovery for our radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services. Appendix A outlines these fees.

The CRIS includes financial and non-financial information for our activities and contains financial forecasts over the 2023–24 and 3 forward years (to 2026–27) – see Table 5. We will maintain the CRIS until the activities or cost recovery arrangements for the activities have been discontinued.

1.2 Background and description of the regulatory charging activity

The ACMA is a statutory authority within the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts portfolio of the Australian Government. We are Australia's regulator for broadcasting, radiocommunications, telecommunications and interactive gambling, among other functions.

Our activities include:

- > regulating telecommunications and broadcasting services and datacasting services
- > managing access to radiofrequency spectrum bands through radiocommunications licence arrangements, and resolving competing demands for that spectrum through price-based allocation methods
- > planning the availability of segments of radiofrequency spectrum bands used by broadcasting services, and managing access to that spectrum through broadcasting licence arrangements
- > regulating compliance with the relevant legislation, licence conditions, codes of practice, standards, service guarantees and other safeguards
- > promoting and facilitating industry self-regulatory and co-regulatory solutions to emerging issues
- > facilitating the provision of community information to promote informed decisions about communications products and services
- > reporting on matters relating to the communications industry, including its performance
- > representing Australia's communications interests internationally
- > advising the government on specific matters from time to time.

The policy objective of recovering service costs is to ensure that those who require and use government services meet the costs of those activities. We reviewed our existing activities to assess the ongoing requirement for the activity, the appropriateness of the current level and application of fees, and our standard and special hourly rates. The review was undertaken in the context of existing legislation that has established the ACMA's powers to recover the costs of our activities.

Following the review, we propose to maintain our special and standard hourly rates and fees at the current rates as implemented on 1 October 2022.

1.3 Stakeholders

Table 1 provides a list of relevant stakeholders for the ACMA's radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services.

For the activities listed in Appendix A, these can be directly attributed to the benefit that the service-user receives. Therefore, it is appropriate that the service user pay a fee for the service.

Table 1: Key stakeholders

Activity group	Type of service	Key stakeholders
Radiocommunications	Apparatus licences	Community, commercial and national broadcasters
		Individuals (for amateur and marine services)
		Government entities
		Commercial organisations (mining, construction, communications companies)
		Telecommunications carriers
	Spectrum licences	Major telecommunications carriers
		Government entities
		Television broadcasters
	Device testing	Federal/state police forces
	Examinations	Amateur radio operators
		Marine radio operators
	Other services	Satellite operators
		Australian search and rescue service
Commercial and community organisations		
Individuals		
Telecommunications	Telecommunications carriers	
	Telecommunications carriage service providers	
Broadcasting	Commercial broadcasters	
	Community broadcasters	
	National broadcasters	

2. Policy and statutory authority to cost recover

2.1 Government policy approval to charge

As an outcome of the prior Department of Communications and the Arts Portfolio Charging Review in the 2019–20 financial year and, more recently, the amendments made to the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* by the *Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Act 2020*, the Australian Government confirmed the appropriateness of the cost recovery arrangements for the fee-related activities listed in Appendix A.

2.2 Statutory authority to impose cost recovery charges

Under section 60 of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* (the ACMA Act), the ACMA may, by written instrument, make determinations fixing charges for services provided by the ACMA and any matter in relation to which expenses are incurred by the ACMA under specified pieces of legislation. Specific provisions of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*, the *Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997* and the *Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997* also empower us to make instruments to impose charges.

The ACMA is only making changes to the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022 (the Radiocommunications Determination) as part of this CRIS. No changes are proposed to the other instruments listed in Table 2.

A new amateur radio qualification framework and accreditation scheme has been developed to support the transition of non-assigned amateur radio licences to class licensing from February 2024. The current arrangements that the ACMA has with the University of Tasmania, represented by the Australian Maritime College (AMC), to conduct amateur radio examinations and the call sign services will end on 18 February 2024.

Through this CRIS, we are introducing several new fees to enable the ACMA to charge, on a cost recovery basis, for the provision of amateur radio call sign and qualifications services, including recognition of prior learning, with further details provided in section 3.3.1 of this CRIS.

We are also issuing area-wide receive licences (AWRLs) in the upcoming allocation process of apparatus licences in the 3.8 GHz band in metropolitan and regional areas. Accordingly, we have introduced additional charges to support the issue and variation of an AWRL. Further details are provided in section 3.3.2 of this CRIS.

These fees will be implemented through amendments to the Radiocommunications Determination.

Charges in the Radiocommunications Determination that relate to the ACMA conducting amateur radio examinations have been removed as a result of consultation on the draft CRIS. With the introduction of the Radiocommunications Accreditation (Amateur Radio Examination) Rules 2023, as part of the new amateur radio qualification framework, the ACMA will no longer be conducting amateur radio examinations.

Examinations under the new framework will be conducted by volunteer Accredited Assessors, who will conduct amateur radio examinations at no cost to the candidate. Consequently, the charges associated with the conduct of amateur radio examinations by the ACMA are to be removed from the Radiocommunications Determination.

As a result of submissions to the concurrent consultation on proposed new amateur radio assessor accreditation and qualification framework, there is only one charge associated with amateur radio recognition of prior learning (RPL). This is because the ACMA has decided to recognise Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificates licences¹ as ‘a recognised qualification (Advanced type)’ under the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 (the Amateur Class Licence), and therefore no RPL is required for these licensees.

The Radiocommunications Determination will include charges for the issue of call signs. Following consultation on the new amateur radio assessor accreditation and qualification framework, the Amateur Class Licence will include provision for the ACMA to issue replacement call signs, if exceptional circumstances exist. There will be no charge for the issue of replacement call signs.

No other substantive changes are proposed to the Radiocommunications Determination. No changes are proposed to the other instruments listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: List of legal instruments outlining fees for service

No.	Determination	Made under
1	Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
2	Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Multiplex Transmitter Licence – Application Fee) Determination 2022	Paragraphs 102C(2)(b) and 102D(2)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act
3	Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
4	Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Application) Determination 2022	Subsection 9(1) of the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act
5	Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act

¹ As outlined in the Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administration’s (CEPT) Recommendation [T/R 61-02 \(Harmonised Amateur Radio Certificates\)](#).

3. Cost recovery model

3.1 Outputs and business processes of the activity

The ACMA's activities for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services that are subject to charging arrangements are outlined in Appendix A, which provides the current fees and the relevant descriptions.

3.1.1 Radiocommunications regulation, planning and licensing

The Radiocommunications Determination specifies the charges for a range of radiocommunications activities, which are grouped under the following output categories.

Issue, transfer and renewal of radiocommunications licences

We allocate or assign access to radiofrequency spectrum through one of 3 types of licence:

- > apparatus
- > spectrum
- > class.

The Radiocommunications Determination includes charges for the issue, renewal or variation of apparatus licences and certain charges associated with spectrum licences:

- > **Class licences:** class licences authorise the operation of radiocommunications devices where coordination of individual transmitters is not required to manage interference risks. Devices that are currently subject to class licensing in Australia include mobile phone handsets, cordless telephones, and a range of other low-power devices, such as wi-fi transmitters, garage door openers and wireless identification tags. Our class-licensing arrangements provide permission for each operator to operate the equipment without the need to obtain an individual licence. Accordingly, class licences are excluded from cost recovery arrangements.
- > **Apparatus licences:** apparatus licences are issued to authorise the operation of radiocommunications devices. The fees applicable to the activities involved in issuing, renewing or varying apparatus licences are outlined in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination. The types of services that may operate under the apparatus licensing regime include mobile broadband, emergency services, amateur radio, satellite, broadcasting and land mobile. As licence applicants receive a direct benefit from the right to use radiocommunications devices and/or supply services, we consider these activities are appropriate to be subject to cost recovery arrangements.
- > **Spectrum licences:** spectrum licences are tradeable and technology-flexible (that is, the licence is not normally limited to any particular technology, system or service) and provide the right to access specified spectrum within a defined geographical area. Spectrum licences are mainly allocated by auction or, in limited circumstances, allocated for a pre-determined price.

We recover the cost of part of our spectrum management activities through the fees applicable to certain activities associated with spectrum licensing, as outlined in Part 5 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination.

Device testing

The ACMA no longer provides device testing on a commercial basis. However, a fee (charged at a special hourly rate B – see Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination) has been retained to cover any special circumstances where we may be required to undertake testing. The ACMA will stop undertaking all device testing from 22 December 2023.

Marine radio examinations

Marine radio examinations are currently undertaken by a third party under ACMA approvals and delegations, complemented by a deed of agreement with the Commonwealth.

While the ACMA does not intend to conduct examinations under this arrangement, if a situation arise where we are required to provide the maritime radio examination service, a charge is intended to apply – see Appendix A, Ref 6.

Interference investigations

We have adopted a policy for the management of interference to terrestrial television and radio broadcast reception using an evidence-based approach. According to the policy, a complainant is required to provide evidence to the ACMA to prove that their broadcast reception problems are not caused by faulty installations or by the viewer attempting to receive a broadcast signal from outside the coverage area.

To better focus our investigation activities, there is a cost recovery fee (see item 7.2.7 of Table 2 of Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination) for investigating a complaint of interference to television or radio broadcasting reception or the operation of a device. It is to be applied where:

- > the source of the interference is wholly or mainly under the control of the person making the complaint about the interference (the complainant), and
- > the complainant has the necessary skills or expertise to diagnose the source of the interference.

Satellite filing and coordination work

The filing and coordination of satellite networks with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is considered a spectrum management function under the ACMA Act. These activities are being carried out in accordance with the [Australian procedures for the coordination and notification of satellite systems](#). The fees for these services are contained in Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination (see Appendix A, Ref 7 to 10).

Emergency locating service

This service essentially refers to locating EPIRBs (emergency position indicating radio beacons), which are used by vessels of all kinds in distress to signal their location, or locating personal beacons designed to be attached to a life jacket or carried by an individual. This service is provided only to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) for its search and rescue operations under a Memorandum of Understanding between the ACMA and AMSA. A fee for these services is charged at a special hourly rate A (specified in item 7.2.4 of Table 2 of Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination. See also Appendix A, Ref 65).

Other radiocommunications activities

We also issue duplicate instruments, letters of confirmation and copies of licences (see Table 1 of Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination). Permits for non-standard and unlabelled devices are now issued under the Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021 made by the ACMA under the

Radiocommunications Act. The fees for these services are set out in Table 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination.

Digital radio multiplex transmitter licensing activity

Digital radio services are licensed, planned and operated under the provisions of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and the Radiocommunications Act. The legislation sets the statutory basis for spectrum planning for digital radio, the allocation of digital radio multiplex transmitter (DRMT) licences and the access regime for multiplex capacity.

Unlike analog broadcasting, where each broadcaster has its own transmitter, in radio broadcasting using Digital Audio Broadcasting plus (DAB+) technology, individual broadcasters aggregate or multiplex their content onto one or more multiplex transmitters, using digital compression technology.

The foundation category 1 and category 2 DRMT licence application fees reflect the effort required to process and issue these licences. The fees are set out in sections 6 and 7 of the Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Multiplex Transmitter Licence – Application Fee) Determination 2022 (Radio Multiplex Determination) (see Appendix A, Ref 111 and 112).

3.1.2 Telecommunications regulation, planning and licensing

Issue of licences and permits

Costs incurred by the ACMA in regulating the telecommunications industry are largely recovered under the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act through the imposition of an annual carrier licence charge. However, several services for the telecommunications industry are recovered through fees set out in the Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022 (the Telecommunications Determination) (refer to Appendix A, Ref 113 to 114 and 120 to 134).

These include applications for:

- > a nominated carrier declaration (item 1.1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Determination)
- > a written statement under paragraph 408(5)(a) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* in relation to labelling certification (item 7.1 of Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Determination)
- > a facility installation permit, including those relating to a public inquiry (Part 3 and Part 4 of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Determination)
- > a submarine cable protection zone – declaration, variation or revocation (Part 5 of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Determination)
- > submarine cable installation permits (Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Determination).

The fee for a carrier licence is set out under the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Application) Determination 2022 (Telco Carrier Licence Determination) (refer Appendix A, Ref 135).

Numbering activities

- > Following a competitive tender process in 2014, the Australian Government awarded ZOAK Pty Ltd (ZOAK) the contract to provide number allocation and administrative services for Australian telephone numbers via the Numbering System. The initial contract was for 7 years, from 3 August 2015 to 2 August 2022, and has been extended for another 2 years to 2 August 2024.
- > The ACMA imposes charges for certain numbering transactions in the Numbering System under the *Telecommunications Numbering Charges Act 1997* and the ACMA Act.
- > This CRIS relates to charges set by the Telecommunications Determination, made under section 60 of the ACMA Act, and includes charges for carriage service provider registrations, smartnumber account registrations and geographic number allocations (see Appendix A, Ref 115 to 119).
- > The Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) (Allocation Charge) Determination 2015, made under the Telecommunications Numbering Charges Act, covers all other number allocation charges that are not required to comply with the Commonwealth Cost Recovery Policy and are considered a general taxation charge (see the Explanatory Memorandum to the Telecommunications Bill 1997).

3.1.3 Broadcasting regulation, planning and licensing

Issue of broadcasting licences

We issue licences that authorise the provision of commercial, community, international and subscription broadcasting services. The fees for these services are separate from the annual Commercial Broadcasting Tax established under the *Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017*.

The administrative activities involved in the issue of international broadcasting licences, datacasting licences, subscription television broadcast licences and commercial broadcasting licences, as well as giving specified opinions under the Broadcasting Services Act, are specified in Schedule 1 to the Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017 (Broadcasting Determination) and are listed in Appendix A (Ref 136 to 144).

Issue of community radio broadcasting licences

These activities include the allocation, renewal and transfer of long-term community broadcasting licences and the allocation of temporary community radio broadcasting licences under Parts 6 and 6A of the Broadcasting Services Act. The licensing arrangements for community broadcasting services aim to enhance the delivery of information and entertainment to local communities across Australia. Imposing a charge for these activities would act as a disincentive to provide an important service by the community broadcasting sector, which operates on a non-profit basis and is heavily reliant on volunteers. Therefore, we have formed the view that these activities should be funded from appropriation and are not cost recovery activities.

Provision of opinions, industry monitoring and compliance activities

Provision of opinions by the ACMA under sections 21 and 74 of the Broadcasting Services Act are subject to cost recovery charges. Opinions given under section 21 provide clarity to broadcasters about the category of broadcasting service their service falls within. Section 74 opinions advise an applicant whether a person is able to exercise control of a commercial television broadcasting licence, a commercial radio broadcasting licence, a satellite subscription television broadcasting licence, a newspaper or a company (see Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Broadcasting Determination and Appendix A, Ref 141 and 142).

Other activities include monitoring compliance with licence conditions, standards and codes of practice. These include compliance with the anti-siphoning rules, internet industry codes of practice, children's television standards and disclosure standards. Currently these activities are not supported for cost recovery. These services will continue to be provided without specific charge.

Broadcasting investigations activities

These activities relate to audiences and the general community, rather than just the individual who has initiated a complaint or an individual licensee. It may also not be possible to precisely identify the entity or group of entities that create the regulatory need for these activities to develop a fee. Therefore, it is considered appropriate that the activity continue to be funded through appropriation.

3.2 Costs of performing ACMA activities

The costs incurred by the ACMA in executing our functions include direct, support and overhead costs.

Direct costs are those costs that can be directly attributed to the ACMA's service provision. Direct costs include direct staff salaries and other expenses (for example, contractors, consultants, suppliers, office consumables, travel) that are incurred by the operational areas in carrying out the direct activities.

Support costs are the costs incurred by the ACMA's support service areas, such as information technology, finance, human resources, facilities and legal. Support costs include all support staff salaries and other expenses (for example, contractors, consultants, suppliers, depreciation, occupancy) incurred by the relevant support areas. Overhead costs are costs incurred by the ACMA relating to depreciation and property operating expenses.

Support and overheads costs are allocated to direct activities using appropriate cost drivers (that is, average staffing levels).

3.2.1 Hourly rates

The standard hourly and additional or special ACMA hourly rates are based on the net cost of services incurred in executing our functions for the 2020–21 financial year. As no significant changes have occurred to our organisational and cost structures in 2021–22, we are proposing to maintain our special and standard hourly rates as per the previous rates implemented on 1 October 2022.

Standard hourly rate

The ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226 was established by dividing the net cost of service by the total number of productive hours worked by staff providing direct services, including an attribution of all support and overhead costs.

The standard hourly rate has been consistently applied to all radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting fees, except those related to radiocommunications field operations, interference investigations and device testing (see section 9 of the Radiocommunications Determination, section 9 of the Telecommunications Determination and item 2 of Schedule 1 to the Broadcasting Determination).

Additional or special ACMA hourly rates

- > **Radiocommunications field operations and interference investigations (special hourly rate A):** the special hourly rate (\$255) relates to field operations and interference investigations and was established due to large operating costs, particularly fixed costs associated with operating vehicles fitted with technical equipment (see section 9 and items 7.2.3, 7.2.4 and 7.2.7 of Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, Ref 64, 65 and 72).
- > **Testing of radiocommunications devices (special hourly rate B):** currently the ACMA only provides this service, free of charge, to the Australian Federal Police and state/territory police. If required in the future by a third party, a special hourly rate B, calculated at \$620, will be applied for device testing (see section 9 and subsection 3 of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, Ref 1).

3.3 Design of cost recovery fees

As part of the last Portfolio Charging Review, a bottom-up activity-based costing (ABC) process was undertaken to identify and document the underlying business processes and staffing effort required to provide each fee for service.

The calculation of fees is based on the ACMA's hourly rate multiplied by the estimated time taken to conduct each activity. If the business processes and staffing effort were regular and consistent, a flat fee was applied across those activities. If it was irregular and/or inconsistent, a variable fee based on the actual time taken to deliver the service was applied. In addition, some broadcasting fees included other specific costs, such as the costs of gazettal and public notifications for issuing licences, where appropriate.

This methodology, which applies to all the fees outlined in Appendix A, has not changed from that implemented on 1 October 2022.

3.3.1 Amateur radio

Amateur radio examinations

From February 2024, the ACMA will provide amateur radio qualifications and call sign services itself, rather than the services being provided by a third party under ACMA approvals and delegations, and a Deed of Agreement with the Commonwealth. These new arrangements will start at the same time as class-licensing arrangements begin for amateur radio under the Amateur Class Licence.

Under the Amateur Class Licence, amateur radio qualifications issued by the ACMA will be called 'ACMA recognition certificates'.

Under the new arrangements, candidates can sit free amateur radio examinations with an ACMA-accredited assessor. This will enable us to use the expertise of experienced amateur operators to conduct and assess examinations and help minimise costs for amateur radio examination candidates.

Amateur radio qualifications

Under the amateur radio qualification arrangements from February 2024, the ACMA will be responsible for issuing ACMA recognition certificates to suitably qualified candidates under the Amateur Class Licence:

- > ACMA recognition certificate (Advanced)
- > ACMA recognition certificate (Foundation)
- > ACMA recognition certificate (Standard).

Candidates who have successfully passed a recognised amateur radio examination or undertaken a RPL assessment can apply to the ACMA for an ACMA recognition certificate. The certificate issued will correspond to the type of examination undertaken and to the existing 3 types of amateur radio qualifications – Foundation, Standard and Advanced.

The proposed charge for this service is set out in Table 3 below.

Amateur radio recognition of prior learning

The ACMA is proposing to recognise prior learning in deciding whether to give a person an ACMA recognition certificate under the proposed Amateur Class Licence. Overseas qualified amateurs seeking to gain an Australian qualification can either pass an examination, or undertake a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment with us, to be eligible to apply for an ACMA recognition certificate. As a result of an RPL assessment, the ACMA can also exempt a person from having to sit a component of an amateur examination.

RPL is a more time-intensive process for the ACMA and the proposed fees are structured accordingly. For example, an RPL assessment may involve detailed consideration of an applicant's qualifications, liaison with an overseas amateur radio regulator to ascertain equivalency, and an interview with the applicant.

The fee for the RPL service is set out in Table 3 below.

Amateur radio call signs

Call signs are a unique combination of letters and numbers that must be used for all on-air communications under the proposed Amateur Class Licence.

There are various types of call signs. Some are available only to operators who hold certain qualifications. There are also special call signs that can be issued for use in, for example, contests/competitions or certain Australian islands/external territories.

When applying for a call sign, operators can choose to express a preference for a specific call sign(s), or apply to be issued with a next available call sign in the category for which they are applying.

The call signs we issue conform with the requirements set out in Article 19 (Identification of stations) of the International Telecommunication Union's Radio Regulations and our amateur call sign policy.

The charges for call-sign assignment services are set out below in Table 3.

Table 3: Charges under the new amateur radio arrangements from February 2024

Ref	Fee type	Description	Fee
1	ACMA recognition certificates	<p>Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), an ACMA recognition certificate, except where the applicant has both:</p> <p>(a) applied for a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence;</p> <p>(b) paid the charge set out in item 3.5.1 of this Schedule</p> <p>Note: If the applicant has a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence, no charge is imposed by this item.</p>	\$45.20
2	Exemptions from amateur radio examinations	Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), a written exemption from completing an examination under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence	\$188.35
3	Call signs	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where no other item of this table applies	\$30.15
		Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign, where:	\$41.45
		<p>(c) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign; and</p> <p>(d) the applicant's first preference and, if expressed, second preference is for a call sign with either:</p> <p>(i) the prefix VK1, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by 2 letters; or</p> <p>(ii) the prefix VK1, VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by 3 letters</p>	
		Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where:	\$52.75
		<p>(a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign; and</p> <p>(b) the applicant's first preference is for a call sign with the prefix VK2, VK3 or VK4, followed by 2 letters</p>	
Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of:	\$52.75		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > a special event call sign; or > a contest call sign; or > a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0 	
		Assigning a replacement call sign under the Amateur Class Licence	No charge

3.3.2 Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences

The area-wide licence (AWL) type is a transmitter licence type introduced in response to changes in technology and requests from spectrum users for additional flexibility within the apparatus licensing system. Currently, the charges associated with the issue and variation of AWLs are categorised as:

- > **FSS-only AWL:** an AWL that includes a condition that only authorises the operation of a fixed earth station
- > **standard AWL:** an AWL that is not an FSS-only AWL.

The current charges associated with the issue of AWLs are defined in Table 4 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination. The charges associated with the variation of AWLs are set in Table 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination.

From February 2024, the ACMA intends to issue both AWLs and AWRLs in the upcoming allocation process for apparatus licences in the 3.8 GHz band in metropolitan and regional areas. Accordingly, charges for the issuing of an AWRL are being introduced. We also amended the charges for standard AWLs to facilitate consistent charges between AWRLs and AWLs.

Applicants for AWRLs will have to pay a charge for consideration of an application for an AWRL (see Table 4). If the application is contested as part of an 'application window' process, there will be an additional charge to cost recover the additional activities (assessing the application against applications made for a standard AWL or another AWRL) undertaken by the ACMA.

The new issue and variation charges for the AWRL are the same as the existing charges for a standard AWL, as both licence types are substantially similar and the activities and associated costs of assessing applications are equivalent.

Table 4: Charges relating to the issue and variation of an AWRL from February 2024

Ref	Fee type	Description	Fee
1	AWRL	Considering an application for an AWRL, and issuing it (if applicable)	\$847.00
2	AWRL – further charges	<p>Further charges related to the processing of an application for an AWRL (<i>the first application</i>), where the ACMA is required to assess the first application against one or more other applications for a standard AWL or an AWRL.</p> <p>Note: If further charges are applicable, the ACMA will apportion the charge so that all applications that are assessed against each other will incur the same additional charge, determined using the hourly rate</p>	<p>The amount is calculated using the following formula:</p> $\frac{THR}{N}$ <p>where:</p> <p><i>THR</i> is the total hourly rate (the hourly rate multiplied by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other application against which the first application is assessed);</p> <p><i>N</i> is the number of applications for the licence against which the first application is assessed</p>
3	AWL – further charges	The Radiocommunications Determination already sets out a further charge when an application for a standard AWL has to be assessed against one or more other applications for a standard AWL. This charge has been amended so that it also applies where the application for a standard AWL has to be assessed against one or more applications for an AWRL, in addition to any other applications for a standard AWL	<p>The amount is calculated using the following formula:</p> $\frac{THR}{N}$ <p>where:</p> <p><i>THR</i> is the total hourly rate (the hourly rate multiplied by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other application against which the first application is assessed);</p> <p><i>N</i> is the number of applications for the licence against which the first application is assessed</p>
4	AWRL – varying licence conditions	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a standard AWL or an AWRL (and varying it if applicable).	\$847.00

4. Risk assessment

The ACMA has carried out a risk assessment for this cost recovery arrangement during the review process, based on the assessment of the criteria in the [Charging Risk Assessment](#).

The overall rating given to this cost recovery arrangement is low. The type of cost recovery charges are fees only. There are no complexities involved with this charging mechanism as the fees for the services will continue to be charged using the current methodology as outlined in section 3.2: Costs of performing ACMA activities and section 3.3: Design of cost recovery fees, of this CRIS. There is minimal change estimated in the total annual revenue for the activities.

5. Stakeholder engagement

To maintain active engagement with stakeholders, the ACMA published a consultation paper and draft CRIS on our website from 5 June to 7 July 2023 and sought comments from telecommunications carriers and CSPs, broadcasters, radiocommunications licensees and industry associations as part of the consultation process.

We received 5 submissions: 4 from members of the public and 1 from the Internet Association of Australia.

Some of the key issues raised in the submissions were:

- > concerns relating to the fees for amateur proficiency examinations and the ambiguity around the relationship between the fees proposed in the CRIS and the changes proposed to the class-licensing arrangements
- > concerns that the draft fees CRIS did not provide sufficient detail or information to facilitate understanding of the ACMA's work and productivity to justify its fees.

Additional consultation

The CRIS was updated and released for consultation again from 29 August to 26 September 2023 to consult on proposed new charges relating to the new amateur radio qualification and accredited assessor arrangements, and the issue of AWRLs.

In addition, a concurrent consultation on [proposed amateur radio qualification and assessor accreditation arrangements](#) (the amateur consultation) contained questions relating to the proposed new amateur radio fees outlined in the CRIS.

The ACMA received 16 submissions in total from the additional consultation relating to the new fees – 4 in response to the draft Fees CRIS consultation (3 from members of the public and 1 from the Communications Alliance) and 12 in response to the amateur consultation (10 from members of the public and 2 from amateur radio representative bodies). The main issues raised in submissions included:

- > Concerns that the AWRL charge is significantly higher than the incumbent fixed satellite earth receive licence.
- > Clarification on charges for amateur beacon and repeater licences.
- > The draft CRIS did not contain any fees for call signs for contests.
- > There was an error in stating that a call sign application would take 50 minutes to consider, which did not align with the \$52.75 fee.
- > There was no information about when future increases to the fees were likely to occur.
- > Concerns that amateur assessors and clubs will incur costs from undertaking amateur radio assessments, proposals that assessors and clubs be able to charge a modest fee to cover the costs and that there be a standard fee across Australia.
- > Those undertaking an amateur 'recognition of prior learning' assessment should be compensated for the time taken to perform this task.
- > Other minor comments, including about the process of issuing call signs.

A summary of the issues and responses to consultation is provided at Appendix B.

6. Financial estimates

Table 5 provides the estimated cost recovery revenue and expenses for the financial years 2023–24 to 2026–27.

Table 5: Estimated cost recovery revenue and expenses

Fee item	Budget year 2023–24 (\$million)	Forward estimate 1 2024–25 (\$million)	Forward estimate 2 2025–26 (\$million)	Forward estimate 3 2026–27 (\$million)
Radiocommunications fees*	2.58	2.67	2.67	2.67
Telecommunications fees	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
Broadcasting fees	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Total revenue	2.79	2.88	2.88	2.88
Total expenses	2.79	2.88	2.88	2.88
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

* Includes estimated 2023–24 part-year impact of charges under the proposed amateur radio qualification framework and call sign arrangements and proposed charges relating to the issue of an AWRL (from February 2024) and full-year impact from 2024–25 onwards.

7A. Financial performance

Table 6 provides historical revenue and expenses for the past 5 financial years.

Table 6: Actual cost recovery revenue and expenses

Fee item	2018–19 (\$million)	2019–20 (\$million)	2020–21 (\$million)	2021–22 (\$million)	2022–23 (\$million)
Radiocommunications fees	4.14	3.38	3.43	3.18	2.53
Telecommunications fees	0.21	0.13	0.18	0.12	0.19
Broadcasting fees	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02
Total revenue	4.37	3.54	3.65	3.33	2.74
Total expenses	4.37	3.54	3.65	3.33	2.74
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

A rigorous activity-based costing process was undertaken by the ACMA as part of its portfolio charging review to identify and document the actual underlying business processes and staffing effort required to provide each service. The hourly rate was established by dividing the ACMA's net cost of service² by the total number of productive hours worked by staff providing direct services, including an attribution of all support and overhead costs for the 2020–21 financial year. The standard hourly rate has been consistently applied to all radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting fees, except those related to radiocommunications field operations, interference investigations and testing of devices. As no significant changes have occurred to the ACMA's organisational and cost structures in 2021–22, our special and standard hourly rates have been maintained as per the previous rates implemented on 1 October 2022.

Actual revenue and expenses for 2022–23, particularly in relation to radiocommunications fees, reflects the expected decrease in processing applications associated with radiocommunications frequency assignment certificates electronically and considering applications associated with varying conditions of assigned licences.

The most common licences³ issued or varied are:

- > ambulatory system land mobile
- > land mobile system greater than 30 MHz
- > fixed licence (point-to-point station)
- > Public Mobile Telecommunication Service (PMTS) Class B (Public Telecommunications Service (PTS) licences.

The majority of the broadcasting revenue related to commercial radio and television broadcasting service licensing. There was an increase in revenue relating to telecommunications fees, due mainly to an increase in demand for nominated carrier declarations. Refer to Appendix A for information on the various ACMA fee types.

² The ACMA's hourly rate was based on the 2020–21 net cost of service as reflected in its 2020–21 annual financial statements.

³ See the Radiocommunications Determination for definition of these terms.

7B. Non-financial performance

We are responsible for the regulation of broadcasting, radiocommunications, telecommunications and some online content. Our key performance indicators for our deliverables are:

- > Spectrum users can access spectrum on terms and conditions appropriate to meet their needs, subject to other users and government policy objectives.
- > Licences are allocated within statutory timeframes and the outsourcing of the numbering function realises a reduction in administrative costs.
- > Interference complaints are resolved within published timeframes and in a cost-effective manner.
- > Law enforcement, emergency and national security service providers are appropriately and reasonably supported by the ACMA and telecommunications industry.
- > Telecommunications safeguards, including those associated with Australia's broadband network, protect the interests of citizens and small businesses who purchase or use telecommunications services.
- > Broadcasting safeguards reflect community standards and citizens have effective and accessible avenues of complaint for broadcast content that breaches community standards.
- > Internet providers, critical infrastructure providers and other organisations have access to information that enables them to assist citizens and small businesses to interact securely and safely with the digital networked economy.

The actual performance for the ACMA's deliverables for the 2022–23 financial year is expected to be published on our website towards the end of 2023.

8. Key forward dates and events

The key forward events and dates for this CRIS update are set out in Table 5.

Table 7: Key forward dates and events

Key events	Indicative date
Next scheduled update of financial outcomes	July 2024
Next scheduled portfolio charging review	2025–26

9. CRIS approval and change register

Table 8: Change register

Date	Description	Approved by	Comments
17 November 2023	Approval of the 2023–24 CRIS	Minister for Communications	
27 October 2023	Certification of the 2023–24 CRIS	ACMA Chair	
29 August – 26 September 2023	Additional consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Authority	Proposed charges to accommodate a new qualification framework and accreditation scheme for amateur radio and proposed charges relating to issue of AWRLs
5 June – 7 July 2023	Consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Chair	
1 September 2022	Approval of the 2022–23 CRIS	Minister for Communications	Changes to the ACMA fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services and to remake relevant charges determinations
11 August 2022	Certification of the 2022–23 CRIS	ACMA Chair	
27 June – 25 July 2022	Consultation for 4 weeks on the draft CRIS		
27 March 2017	Changes made to interference investigation activity description in sections 3.1.1 and 3.3.3 of the CRIS and activity 166 of Appendix A of the CRIS	ACMA Authority	Changes to the ACMA fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services to remake relevant charges determinations, which were due to sunset on 1 April 2017
23 March 2017	Approval of the updated CRIS – version 2	Minister for Communications	
21 February 2017	Certification of the updated CRIS – version 2	ACMA Chair	
2 July 2015	Approval to the addendum 1	Minister for Communications	Changes to fees for telecommunications numbering activities
24 June 2015	Certification of the addendum 1	ACMA Chair	
2 October 2014	Approval of the CRIS – version 1	Minister for Communications	
25 September 2014	Certification of the CRIS – version 1	ACMA Chair	

Acronyms and shortened forms

ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority
ACMA Act	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005</i>
AMC	Australian Maritime College
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
AWL	area-wide licence
AWRL	area-wide receive licence
Broadcasting Services Act	<i>Broadcasting Services Act 1992</i>
CRIS	Cost Recovery Implementation Statement
DRMT	digital radio multiplex transmitter
EPIRB	emergency position indicating radio beacon
EROU	enhanced rights-of-use
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
Telecommunications Numbering Charges Act	<i>Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997</i>
Numbering Plan	Telecommunications Numbering Plan 2015
Radiocommunications Act	<i>Radiocommunications Act 1992</i>
Radiocommunications Determination	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022
Telecommunications Determination	Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

Appendix A: Fees for the ACMA's cost recovery activities

Fees under the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022 (with amendments)

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
1	Device testing (All testing will cease from 22 December 2023)	Sch 1 Part 1 Table 1 (Item 1.1.1)	Testing (on request by a person other than a member of a police force of a state or territory or the Australian Federal Police) of radiocommunications devices (other than a device that is subject to a permanent ban) for compliance with the Radiocommunications Act and instruments made under that Act.	No change	N/A	Special hourly rate B	No change	The ACMA will be closing its laboratory on 22 December 2023 and will cease undertaking all testing of devices from that date.
2	Documents	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 1 (Item 7.1.1)	Issuing a duplicate document of any kind or, where such duplicate document cannot be issued, a letter of confirmation.	No change	N/A	\$38.00	No change	N/A
3	Examinations	Sch 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.1)	Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency that relates to an:	Removed	N/A	\$490.00	N/A	Under the Radiocommunications Accreditation (Amateur Radio Examination) Rules 2023, the ACMA will use the services of volunteer Accredited Assessors, who will conduct amateur radio

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > amateur licence (amateur advanced station); or > amateur licence (amateur standard station). 					examinations at no cost to the candidate.
4	Examinations	Sch 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.2)	Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency that relates to an amateur licence (amateur foundation station).	Removed	N/A	\$377.00	N/A	Under the Radiocommunications Accreditation (Amateur Radio Examination) Rules 2023, the ACMA will use the services of volunteer Accredited Assessors, who will conduct amateur radio examinations at no cost to the candidate.
5	Examinations	Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.3)	<p>Conducting an examination for a single module of an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency that relates to an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > amateur licence (amateur advanced station) > amateur licence (amateur standard station) 	Removed	N/A	\$264.00	N/A	Under the Radiocommunications Accreditation (Amateur Radio Examination) Rules 2023, the ACMA will use the services of volunteer Accredited Assessors, who will conduct amateur radio examinations at no cost to the candidate.

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			> amateur licence (amateur foundation station).					
6	Examinations	Sch 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.4)	<p>Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of any of the following kinds of certificates of proficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency; > Marine Radio Operator's VHF Certificate of Proficiency; > Marine Satellite Communications Certificate of Endorsement. 	No change	N/A	\$490.00	No change	N/A
7	Satellite filing and coordination	Sch 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.2)	Satellite filing application – completion of satellite filing assessment (including all work done after the initial assessment of the application and up to when the ACMA makes a decision on whether to file the	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			application with the ITU) – where Australia has not previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant.					
8	Satellite filing and coordination	Sch 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.3)	Assessing an application to file a satellite system with the ITU, consisting of work done during the period commencing upon receipt by the ACMA of an application to file a satellite system with the ITU and ending when the ACMA makes a decision on whether to file the application – where Australia has previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
9	Satellite filing and coordination	Sch 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.4)	Satellite system support work: work undertaken by the ACMA in support of existing or proposed Australian satellite systems (excluding any work done under items 6.1.1, 6.1.2 or 6.1.3).	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
10	Satellite filing and coordination	Sch 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.1)	Satellite filing application – initial assessment and consultation with applicant in relation to an application to file a satellite system with the ITU – where Australia has not previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant.	No change	N/A	\$1,130.00	No change	N/A
11	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7 (a))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) aeronautical licence (aeronautical assigned system station).	No change	N/A	\$500.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
12	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.16)	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an aircraft licence (aircraft assigned station), and	No change	N/A	\$500.00 per licence	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.					
13	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.10)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a narrowband area service station licence, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.	No change	N/A	\$565.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
14	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.9 (b))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:	No change	N/A	\$546.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			(b) earth licence (mobile earth station).					
15	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.9 (a))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) earth licence (fixed earth station).	No change	N/A	\$546.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
16	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (a))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint station).	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
17	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4(c))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint – land mobile spectrum).	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
18	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (b))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint system).	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
19	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (d))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) fixed licence (point-to-point station).					
20	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (e))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (e) fixed licence (900MHz studio to transmitter link station).	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
21	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (d))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per licence	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) fixed licence (point-to-point (self-coordinated) station).					
22	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (c))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) fixed licence (point-to-point (5.8 GHz band) station).	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per licence	No change	N/A
23	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (d))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following	No change	N/A	\$482.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) fixed licence (television outside broadcast station).					
24	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.14 (a))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) fixed licence (television outside broadcast system).	No change	N/A	\$482.00 per licence	No change	N/A
25	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (a))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) land mobile licence (land mobile system 0–30 MHz).					
26	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (a))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) land mobile licence (land mobile system greater than 30 MHz).	No change	N/A	\$482.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
27	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (b))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment	No change	N/A	\$482.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) land mobile licence (CB repeater station).					
28	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.2)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a land mobile licence (ambulatory station) where: (a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and (b) in considering the issue of the licence, the ACMA does not perform coordination procedures to minimise interference.	No change	N/A	\$444.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
29	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.3)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a land mobile licence (ambulatory station) or a land mobile licence (ambulatory system)	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.					
30	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (d))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) land mobile licence (paging system - interior paging).	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
31	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (c))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) land mobile licence (paging system - exterior).					
32	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (b))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) land mobile licence (PABX cordless telephone service).	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
33	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (a))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per licence	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			(a) maritime coast licence (major coast A station).					
34	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (e))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (e) maritime coast licence (limited coast assigned system)	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
35	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (b))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) maritime coast licence (major coast B station).	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per licence	No change	N/A

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36	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (d))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned).	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per licence	No change	N/A
37	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (e))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (e) maritime ship licence (ship station class C assigned).	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per licence	No change	N/A
38	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.14 (b))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications	No change	N/A	\$482.00 per licence	No change	N/A

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			Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) outpost licence (outpost assigned station).					
39	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (c))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) radiodetermination licence.	No change	N/A	\$482.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
40	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.8)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a scientific licence	No change	N/A	\$520.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

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			(scientific assigned station), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.					
41	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.18 (a))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person (a) space licence.	No change	N/A	\$576.00 per licence	No change	N/A
42	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.18 (b))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) space receive licence.	No change	N/A	\$576.00 per licence	No change	N/A

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43	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (c))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) major coast receive licence.	No change	N/A	\$490.00 per licence	No change	N/A
44	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.17)	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an earth receive licence and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.	No change	N/A	\$546.00 per licence	No change	N/A
45	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7 (b))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the	No change	N/A	\$500.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

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			application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) fixed receive licence.					
46	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 1 (Item 3.1.1)	Consideration of an application for a provisional international broadcasting certificate made under section 131AE of Radiocommunications Act, and issuing it if applicable.	No change	N/A	\$113.00	No change	N/A
47	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.11)	Considering an application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act (other than a licence referred to in item 2.2.12) and issuing it (if applicable), where: (a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate; (b) the application is one of a group of 2 or more applications all of which relate to an	No change	N/A	\$500.00 per licence	No change	N/A

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			<p>event with a duration of less than 2 weeks;</p> <p>(c) all the applications in the group are made at the same time;</p> <p>(d) all the applications are processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure; and</p> <p>(e) the licences are to be issued on the basis that the use of the licences:</p> <p>(i) is not to cause interference, and</p> <p>(ii) will not be afforded protection from interference caused by other services.</p>					
48	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.12)	<p>Considering an application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act and issuing it (if applicable), where:</p> <p>(a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate;</p> <p>(b) the application is one of a group of 2 or more applications all of</p>	No change	N/A	\$500.00 per licence	No change	N/A

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			<p>which relate to military or other defence manoeuvres involving simulated wartime operations carried out to train and evaluate personnel, that happen for a period of not more than 3 months;</p> <p>(c) all applications in the group are made at the same time;</p> <p>(d) all the applications are processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure; and</p> <p>(e) the licences are to be issued on the basis that the use of the licences is not to cause interference, and will not be afforded protection from interference caused by other services.</p>					
49	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 3 (Item 2.3.1)	Considering an application to participate in a price-based allocation of an HPON licence in accordance with the HPON Determination.	No change	N/A	\$471.00	No change	N/A

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50	Assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7 (c))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) broadcasting licence (high frequency).	No change	N/A	\$500.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A
51	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (a))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (a) an amateur licence where the applicant holds any of the following kinds of certificates of proficiency: (i) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Advanced);	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A

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			(ii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard); (iii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Foundation).					
52	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (b))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (b) maritime coast licence (limited coast non-assigned station).	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
53	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (c))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (c) maritime coast licence (limited coast marine rescue station).	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
54	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (d))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A

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			(d) outpost licence (outpost non-assigned station).					
55	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (e))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (e) scientific licence (scientific non-assigned station).	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
56	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (f))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (f) maritime ship licence (ship station class B non-assigned).	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
57	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (g))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (g) maritime ship licence (ship station class C non-assigned).	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
58	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (h))	Considering an application for the	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A

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			issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (h) fixed licence (sound outside broadcast station).					
59	Non-assigned licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (i))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (i) fixed licence (temporary fixed link station).	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
60	Renewals	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 6 (Item 2.6.1)	Considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non-assigned apparatus licence that does not include a renewal statement or a renewal application period statement and renewing it (if applicable), where: (a) the application for renewal; (b) payment of the charge specified in column 3; and	No change	N/A	\$4.00	No change	N/A

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			<p>(c) payment of the tax imposed on the issue of the licence under a Tax Act; are received while the licence is in force or within 60 days after the expiry date of the licence;</p> <p>(d) in the case of a fixed receive licence — for each frequency assigned, or requested for assignment, for the purpose of reception;</p> <p>(e) in the case of a broadcasting licence for the operation of a broadcast service station — per licence;</p> <p>(f) in the case of a fixed licence (point to point (self-coordinated)) station — per licence;</p> <p>(g) in the case of a fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) — per licence;</p> <p>(h) in the case of PTS licence (PMTS Class B) or PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence;</p> <p>(i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency</p>					

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			<p>assigned, or requested for assignment, for the purpose of transmission; and</p> <p>(j) for any other non-assigned licence – per licence.</p> <p>Note: Subsection 129(10) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies the circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.</p>					
61	Renewals	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 6 (Item 2.6.2)	<p>Considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non-assigned apparatus licence that includes a renewal statement or a renewal application period statement and renewing it (if applicable).</p> <p>Note: Subsection 129(10) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies the circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.</p>	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

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62	General radiocommunications services	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.1)	The provision of radiofrequency assignment and licensing services, including the issuing of licences not otherwise specified in this instrument.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
63	General radiocommunications services	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.2)	The provision of technical radiofrequency services, other than: (a) services requiring field officers; and (b) the performance of the ACMA's additional functions under paragraph 11(1)(c) of the ACMA Act; and (c) services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB).	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
64	General radiocommunications services	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.3)	The provision of technical radiofrequency services requiring field officers, other than: (a) the performance of the ACMA's additional functions under paragraph 11(1)(c) of the ACMA Act; and	No change	N/A	Special hourly rate A	No change	N/A

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			(b) services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB).					
65	General radiocommunications services	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.4)	The provision of technical radiofrequency services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB).	No change	N/A	Special hourly rate A	No change	N/A
66	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 8 (Item 2.8.1)	Consideration of an application for the transfer of one or more apparatus licences under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act, and transferring the licence if applicable.	No change	N/A	\$94.00	No change	N/A
67	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.1)	Considering the establishment of a credit account without proceeding to establish the account.	No change	N/A	\$161.70	No change	N/A
68	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 3 (Item 7.3.1)	Assessing an application for a General Licensing Accreditation under the Accreditation Rules, and giving the accreditation if applicable.	No change	N/A	\$546.00	No change	N/A

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69	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 3 (Item 7.3.2)	Assessing an application for a Specific Licensing Accreditation under the Accreditation Rules, and giving the accreditation if applicable.	No change	N/A	\$286.00	No change	N/A
70	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.5)	Supply of an adjacent services listing.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
71	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.6)	Supply of a frequency scan report.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
72	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.7)	Investigating the cause of interference to: (a) radio or television broadcasting reception; or (b) the operation of a radiocommunications device; in circumstances where: (c) the source of the interference is wholly or mainly under the control of the person making the complaint about the interference (the complainant); and (d) the complainant has the necessary skills or expertise to diagnose the source of the interference.	No change	N/A	Special hourly rate A	No change	N/A
73	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.2)	Establishment of a credit account.	No change	N/A	\$285.00	No change	N/A

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74	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.3)	Annual fee for the maintenance of a credit account including provision of monthly statements and answering basic account enquiries (one per month) (annual base maintenance fee) – where the account has been established and maintained for the whole of a financial year.	No change	N/A	\$715.00	No change	N/A
75	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.4)	Annual base maintenance fee – where the account has been established and maintained for only a part of a financial year.	No change	N/A	For each portion of the financial year for which the credit account is maintained – the proportion of \$715 equal to the proportion of the financial year for which the credit account is maintained, rounded in accordance with section 16.	No change	N/A

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76	Miscellaneous	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.5)	Providing support services for credit account holders in addition to services covered by the annual base maintenance fee.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
77	Call signs (Note: The instrument does not impose any charge in relation to replacement call signs)	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.1)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where no other item of this table applies	N/A	\$30.15	Supporting the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 (the Amateur Class Licence) implementation.
78	Call signs (Note: The instrument does not impose any charge in relation to replacement call signs)	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.2)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign, where: (a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign; and (b) the applicant's first preference and, if expressed, second preference is for a call sign with either: (c) the prefix VK1, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by 2 letters; or the prefix VK1, VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6,	N/A	\$41.45	Supporting the Amateur Class Licence implementation.

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					VK7 or VK8, followed by 3 letters.			
79	Call signs (Note: The instrument does not impose any charge in relation to replacement call signs)	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.3)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where: (a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign; and (b) the applicant's first preference is for a call sign with the prefix VK2, VK3 or VK4, followed by 2 letters	N/A	\$52.75	Supporting the Amateur Class Licence implementation.
80	Call signs (Note: The instrument does not impose any charge in relation to replacement call signs)	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.4)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of: (a) a Special Event Call Sign; or (b) a Contest Call Sign; or (c) a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0.	N/A	52.75	Supporting the Amateur Class Licence implementation.
81	Spectrum licences	Sch 1 Part 5 Table 1 (Item 5.1.1)	Considering a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications Act, and varying it if applicable.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

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82		Sch 1 Part 5 Table 1 (Item 5.1.2)	Processing registration of an assignment of all or part of a spectrum licence under section 86 of the Radiocommunications Act, including doing anything the ACMA considers necessary or convenient to do in order to give effect to the assignment in accordance with section 87 of the Radiocommunications Act.	No change	N/A	\$38.00	No change	N/A
83	PTS licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (a))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) PTS licence (PMTS Class B).	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per licence	No change	N/A
84	PTS licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (b))	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following	No change	N/A	\$471.00 per licence	No change	N/A

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			licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) PTS licence (PMTS Class C).					
85	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.1)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an assigned licence or a non-assigned licence (and varying it if applicable) where: (a) the licence is of a kind mentioned in an item in Tables 2, 3 or 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 1; (b) the licence is not of a type mentioned in any other item in this table; and (c) technical coordination is not required.	No change	N/A	\$36.00	No change	N/A
86	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.2)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an	No change	N/A	The applicable charge for issuing the licence, as specified in	No change	N/A

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			assigned licence, and varying it if applicable (other than an LPON licence) where: (a) the licence is mentioned in an item in Tables 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1; and (b) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and (c) in considering the application, the ACMA is required to perform technical coordination.			the relevant item in Tables 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1.		
87	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (item 2.7.5)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an LPON licence (and varying it if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
88	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.3)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an	No change	N/A	\$26.00 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency	No change	N/A

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			assigned licence of a kind mentioned in Table 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1, (other than a licence to which item 2.7.4 applies), and varying it if applicable, where: (a) the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and (b) in considering the application, the ACMA is not required to perform technical coordination.			assignment to which the application relates.		
89	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.4)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of any of the following licences (and varying it if applicable) where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) earth licence (fixed earth station); (b) earth licence (mobile earth station); (c) space licence;	No change	N/A	\$102.00 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the application relates.	No change	N/A

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			(d) space receive licence.					
90	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.6)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a FSS only area-wide licence (and varying it if applicable).	No change	N/A	\$696.00	No change	N/A
91	Varying a licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (item 2.7.7)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a standard area-wide licence (and varying it if applicable).	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 7 (item 2.7.7)	Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a standard area-wide licence or an area-wide receive licence (and varying it if applicable).	\$847.00	No change	Change to description
92	Frequency assignment certificates—via licensing system	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.1)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence (other than a licence of a type mentioned in item 2.1.2), where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment	No change	N/A	\$26.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

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			<p>certificate issued by an accredited person.</p> <p>Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences are chargeable. Frequency assignments associated with receiver licences are only chargeable if there are no transmit spectrum accesses on the same licence.</p>					
93	Frequency assignment certificates—via licensing system	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.2)	<p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) earth licence (fixed earth station);</p> <p>(b) earth licence (mobile earth station);</p> <p>(c) space licence;</p> <p>(d) space receive licence.</p>	No change	N/A	\$102.00 per spectrum access	No change	N/A

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			Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences are chargeable. Frequency assignments associated with receiver licences are only chargeable if there are no transmit spectrum accesses on the same licence.					
94	Frequency assignment certificates—via licensing system	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.1 (a))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) amateur licence (amateur beacon station).	No change	N/A	\$177.00 per licence	No change	N/A
95	Frequency assignment certificates—via licensing system	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.1 (b))	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following	No change	N/A	\$177.00 per licence	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) amateur licence (amateur repeater station).					
96	Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.1)	Considering an application for the issue of a FSS only area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable).	No change	N/A	\$696.00	No change	N/A
97	Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.2)	Considering an application for a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable), where the ACMA is not required to assess the application against an application for an area-wide licence made by another person.	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.2)	Considering an application for a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable).	\$847.00	No change	Change to description
98	Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.3)	Considering an application for the issue of a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable), where the ACMA is required to assess the application against applications for an area-wide licence	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.3)	Considering an application for an area-wide receive licence, and issuing it (if applicable).	\$847.00	\$847.00	New area-wide licence receive charge and associated amendments introduced from February 2024 to facilitate the introduction of an area-wide receiver licence in the upcoming 3.8 GHz

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			made by other persons.					band allocation of area-wide licences in metropolitan and regional Australia.
99	Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.4)	<p>Further charges related to the processing of an application for the issue of a standard area-wide licence (<i>the first application</i>) where the ACMA is required to assess the first application against one or more other applications for an area-wide licence.</p> <p>Note: If further charges are applicable, the ACMA will apportion the charge so that all applications that are assessed against each other will incur the same additional charge, determined using the hourly rate.</p>	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.4)	<p>Further charges related to the processing of an application for the issue of a standard area-wide licence (<i>the first application</i>) where the ACMA is required to assess the first application against one or more other applications for a standard area-wide licence or an area-wide receive licence.</p> <p>Note: If further charges are applicable, the ACMA will apportion the charge so that all applications that are assessed against each other will incur the same additional charge, determined using the hourly rate.</p>	The amount worked out using the following formula: THR N+1 where: THR means the total hourly rate, an amount worked out by multiplying the hourly rate by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other application against which the first application is assessed; N means the number	No change	Change to description

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
						of applications for the licence against which the first application is assessed.		
100	Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.5)	Further charges related to the processing of an application for an area-wide receive licence (<i>the first application</i>) where the ACMA is required to assess the first application against one or more other applications for a standard area-wide licence or an area-wide receive licence. Note: If further charges are applicable, the ACMA will apportion the charge so that all applications that are assessed against each other will incur the same additional charge, determined using the hourly rate.	N/A	The amount worked out using the following formula: THR N+1 where: THR means the total hourly rate, an amount worked out by multiplying the hourly rate by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other	New area-wide licence receive charge and associated amendments introduced from February 2024 to facilitate the introduction of an area-wide receiver licence in the upcoming 3.8 GHz band allocation of area-wide licences in metropolitan and regional Australia.

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
							application against which the first application is assessed; N means the number of applications for the licence against which the first application is assessed.	
101	Equipment Rules documents	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.1)	Considering an application for the issue of a permit which authorises one or more of the actions specified in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable): > for the first application for a permit by a person.	No change	N/A	\$1,525.00	No change	N/A
102	Equipment Rules documents	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.1)	Considering an application for the issue of a permit which authorises one or more	No change	N/A	\$621.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			<p>of the actions specified in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind. 					
103	Equipment Rules documents	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.2)	<p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit which only authorises the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > for the first application for a permit by a person. 	No change	N/A	\$791.00	No change	N/A
104	Equipment Rules documents	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.2)	<p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit which only authorises the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > for subsequent applications for a permit by a person 	No change	N/A	\$565.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			<p>who already holds a permit of the same kind.</p> <p>Note: This fee applies to permits that authorise only the supply of unlabelled devices.</p>					
105	Equipment Rules documents	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.3)	<p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit (and issuing the permit if applicable) which authorises one or more of the actions mentioned in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c), and the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d), of the Equipment Rules:</p> <p>> for the first application for a permit by a person.</p>	No change	N/A	\$1,525.00	No change	N/A
106	Equipment Rules documents	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.3)	<p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit (and issuing the permit if applicable) which authorises one or more of the actions mentioned in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c), and the action specified in</p>	No change	N/A	\$621.00	No change	N/A

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			paragraph 38(4)(d), of the Equipment Rules: > for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.					
107	Banned equipment	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 3 (item 3.3.1)	Considering an application made under clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the Exemption Determination for the making of a notifiable instrument naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination (whether the application is granted).	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
108		Sch 1 Part 3 Table 3 (item 3.3.2)	Making a notifiable instrument (new instrument) under subclause 1(1) of Schedule 1 to the Exemption Determination naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination, where a	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022	Current description	Proposed Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			notifiable instrument (previous instrument) has already been made naming the same person, and the new instrument is made either while the previous instrument is still in force, or within 3 months after the previous instrument has ceased to be in force.					
109	ACMA recognition certificates	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 4 (item 3.4.1)	<p>Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), an ACMA recognition certificate, except where the applicant has both:</p> <p>(a) applied for a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence;</p> <p>(b) paid the charge set out in item 3.5.1 of this Schedule.</p> <p>Note: If the applicant has a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of</p>	N/A	\$45.20	Under the amateur radio qualification arrangements from February 2024, the ACMA will be responsible for issuing ACMA recognition certificates to suitably qualified candidates under the Amateur Class Licence.

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					Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence, no charge is imposed by this item.			
110	Exemptions from amateur radio examinations	N/A	N/A	Sch 1 Part 3 Table 5 (item 3.5.1)	Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), a written exemption from completing an examination under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence.	N/A	\$188.35	Supporting the Amateur Class Licence implementation.

Fees under the Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Multiplex Transmitter Licences – Application Fee) Determination 2022

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
111	Digital radio multiplex transmitter licences	Section 6	Amount of application fee – foundation category 1 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence.	No change	N/A	\$1,130.00	No change	N/A
112		Section 7	Amount of application fee – foundation category 2 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence.	No change	N/A	\$1,130.00	No change	N/A

Fees under the Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
113	Nominated carrier declaration charges	Sch 1 – Part 1, Item 1.1	Making an application mentioned in section 77 of the Telecommunications Act for a nominated carrier declaration in relation to one or more specified network units.	No change	N/A	\$2,237.00	No change	N/A
114	Connection permits	Sch 1 – Part 7, Item 7.1	Activities of an ACMA official acting as a certification body in connection with dealing with an application for a written statement under paragraph 408 (5) (a) of the Telecommunications Act.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
115	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Sch 1 – Part 2 item 2.1	Making an application mentioned in paragraph 457 (1) (a) of the Telecommunications Act for the allocation of a number otherwise than in accordance with an allocation system determined under section 463 of the Telecommunications Act . (1) For an application made under Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the numbering plan for allocation of one or	No change	N/A	\$57.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			more standard units of geographic numbers.					
116	Numbers under Numbering Plan		(2) For an application made under Part 3 of Chapter 6 of the numbering plan for allocation of one or more geographic numbers.	No change	N/A	\$57.00	No change	N/A
117			(3) For any other application made under the numbering plan for allocation of a number.	No change	N/A	Zero	No change	N/A
118		Sch 1 – Part 2, item 2.2	Making an application under subsection 121(1) of the numbering plan for registration of a carriage service provider under section 122 of the numbering plan.	No change	N/A	\$57.00	No change	N/A
119		Sch 1 – Part 2, item 2.3	Registering to use the electronic system, made available by the ACMA, for EROU applicants to apply with a registered carriage service provider under section 73 of the numbering plan for the initial allocation of an unassigned unallocated smartnumber, and for EROU-holders to manage their	No change	N/A	\$57.00	No change	N/A

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			enhanced rights of use.					
120	Facility installation permits	Sch 1 – Part 3, item 3.1	Deposit to accompany a facility installation permit application.	No change	N/A	\$9,108.00	No change	N/A
121		Sch 1 – Part 3, item 3.2	Activities of ACMA official in connection with dealing with a facility installation permit application that does not relate to the conduct of a public inquiry in relation to the permit.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
122	Facility installation permits – public inquiry	Sch 1 – Part 4, item 4.1	Deposit payable on account of the expenses to be incurred by ACMA for the holding of a public inquiry.	No change	N/A	\$57,385.00	No change	N/A
123		Sch 1 – Part 4, item 4.2	Activities of ACMA official in relation to the holding of a public inquiry.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
124		Sch 1 – Part 4, item 4.3	Any other expenses incurred by the ACMA not included in item 4.2 in relation to the holding of a public inquiry.	No change	N/A	Actual costs	No change	N/A
125	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone	Sch 1 – Part 5, item 5.1	Deposit payable on account of the expenses to be incurred by the ACMA in relation to a protection zone (declaration) request.	No change	N/A	\$161,251.00	No change	N/A

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126	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone	Sch 1 – Part 5, item 5.2	Deposit payable on account of the expenses to be incurred by the ACMA in relation to a protection zone (revocation) request or a protection zone (variation) request.	No change	N/A	\$136,278.00	No change	N/A
127		Sch 1 – Part 5, item 5.3	Charges for the activities of ACMA official in relation to a: (a) protection zone (declaration) request; (b) protection zone (revocation) request; (c) protection zone (variation) request.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
128		Sch 1 – Part 5, item 5.4	External costs incurred by the ACMA in relation to a protection zone (declaration) request, protection zone (revocation) request or protection zone (variation) request including, but not limited to, the following: (a) advertising costs; (b) venue hire and catering cost; (c) travel expenses; (d) consultation costs.	No change	N/A	Actual costs	No change	N/A
129	Submarine cables	Sch 1 – Part 6, item 6.1	Protection zone installation permit application – charge	No change	N/A	\$5,123.00 (for each submarine)	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
	Submarine cables		for the purposes of clause 53 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act, in relation to considering and processing a protection zone installation permit application.			cable the subject of the application)		
130		Sch 1 – Part 6, item 6.2	Protection zone installation permit – considering and processing an application under clause 61 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act to extend the duration of a protection zone installation permit.	No change	N/A	\$1,394.00	No change	N/A
131		Sch 1 – Part 6, item 6.3	Non-protection zone installation permit application – charge for the purposes of clause 66 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act, in relation to considering and processing a non-protection zone installation permit application, excluding the additional charges mentioned at items 6.4 and 6.5.	No change	N/A	\$5,951.00 (for each submarine cable the subject of the application)	No change	N/A
132		Sch 1 – Part 6, item 6.4	Non-protection zone installation permit application – deposit	No change	N/A	\$25,000.00	No change	N/A

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			payable on account of the charges at item 6.5.					
133	Submarine cables	Sch 1 – Part 6, item 6.5	Non-protection zone installation permit application – charge for the purposes of clause 66 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act, in relation to external costs for the use of external consultants in considering a non-protection zone installation permit application or a linked non-protection zone installation permit application.	No change	N/A	Actual costs	No change	N/A
134		Sch 1 – Part 6, item 6.6	Non-protection zone installation permit – considering and processing an application under clause 76 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act to extend the duration of a non-protection zone installation permit.	No change	N/A	\$1,394.00	No change	N/A

Fees under the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Application Charge) (Application) Determination 2022

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
135	Carrier licence application charge	Section 4	Charge imposed on an application for a carrier licence.	No change	N/A	\$2,708.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
136	Broadcasting licences	Part 1 of Schedule 1 (Table item 1)	Considering and processing an application made under section 38A or 38B of the Broadcasting Services Act for an additional television licence in a 1 or 2 station market.	No change	N/A	\$2,787.00	No change	N/A
137		Part 1 of Schedule 1 (Table item 2)	Considering and processing an application under section 40 of the Broadcasting Services Act for a non-broadcasting services bands commercial television broadcasting licence or commercial radio broadcasting licence.	No change	N/A	\$451.00	No change	N/A
138		Part 1 of Schedule 1 (Table item 3)	Considering and processing an application under section 46 of the Broadcasting Services Act for renewal of a commercial television broadcasting licence or	No change	N/A	\$202.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			commercial radio broadcasting licence.					
139	Broadcasting licences	Part 1 of Schedule 1 (Table item 4)	Considering and processing an application under section 96 of the Broadcasting Services Act for a subscription television broadcasting licence.	No change	N/A	\$236.00	No change	N/A
140		Part 1 of Schedule 1 (Table item 5)	Considering and processing an application under clause 7 of Schedule 6 to the Broadcasting Services Act for a datacasting licence.	No change	N/A	\$424.00	No change	N/A
141	Broadcasting opinions	Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table item 1)	Preparing and giving an opinion on application under section 21 of the Broadcasting Services Act.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
142		Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table item 2)	Preparing and giving an opinion on application under section 74 of the Broadcasting Services Act.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
143	International broadcasting licences	Part 3 of Schedule 1 (Table item 1)	Deposit to accompany an application under section 121FA of the Broadcasting Services Act for an international broadcasting licence.	No change	N/A	\$4,500.00	No change	N/A
144		Part 3 of Schedule 1 (Table item 2)	Considering and processing an application under	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

Ref	Fee type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	Proposed description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Reason / Notes
			section 121FA of the Broadcasting Services Act for an international broadcasting licence.					

Appendix B: Summary of issues raised in industry consultation – 2023–24 Fees CRIS

Ref	Recommendation / Issue	Response
Issues raised in the 5 June to 7 July 2023 consultation		
1	Concerns relating to the fees for the ACMA to undertake amateur proficiency examinations and the ambiguity around the relationship between the fees proposed in the CRIS and the changes proposed to the class-licensing arrangements and accreditation.	<p>The Australian Maritime College (AMC) coordinates volunteer assessors to undertake amateur radio examinations on behalf of the ACMA. There is currently no cost associated with undertaking an amateur radio examination.</p> <p>The charge set out in the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022 was to apply in the event the ACMA was to provide examination services directly.</p> <p>The ACMA will provide amateur radio qualifications and call sign services from February 2024. The ACMA will transition existing AMC amateur radio examination assessors into a new accreditation scheme, under which they will continue to provide amateur radio examination services free of charge.</p> <p>Noting that the Accredited Assessor scheme will use the services of the currently over 150 volunteer amateur radio assessors, the ACMA has decided to remove the service and associated fee for sitting an amateur radio examination, or module of an amateur radio examination, with the ACMA.</p>
2	The draft fees CRIS did not provide sufficient detail or information to facilitate understanding of the ACMA's work and productivity to justify its fees.	The CRIS has been updated to provide further commentary on the breakdown of the actual cost recovery revenue and the corresponding expenses (set out in Table 6 under section 7A) to facilitate a better understanding of the actual services provided by the ACMA in justifying its expenses.
Issues raised in the 29 August to 26 September 2023 consultation		
3	The proposed AWRL charge is significantly higher than the incumbent fixed satellite earth receive licence.	The AWL Receiver (AWRL) fee is to support the decision to introduce area-wide licensing in the 3.8 GHz band as a standard licensing approach. It is expected that an equivalent amount of activity will be required to consider applications for AWRLs as 'standard' AWL transmitter licences. Therefore, the charge for considering an AWRL application should be identical to the charges for AWL transmitter licences.
4	Clarification sought on charges for Amateur beacon and repeater licences	'Licence-based' and 'frequency-based' fees will be reviewed as part of the 2024–25 Fees for Service CRIS.
5	The draft CRIS does not outline the fee for applying to be assigned a contest call sign.	Contest call signs (call signs with the prefix VK, followed by 1 number, followed by a single letter) are considered to be in the same category as the other time-limited call signs – special event, VK0 and VK9 call signs. Since they are similar in nature to special event call signs, we had included them as a subcategory of special event call signs. For clarity and consistency with terminology currently used by amateurs, we have included a separate reference to contest call signs in the CRIS. The fee associated with consideration of an application

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		for a contest call sign is the same as an application for the other time-limited call signs – \$52.75. This fee is similar to the current AMC price for this service. The ACMA will assign contest call signs when the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 (the Amateur Class Licence) commences in February 2024.
6	Comment that the proposed fees appear to be reasonable. The submitters suggested that the fees for contest call signs should be the same as other 2-letter and 3-letter call signs and that no annual renewal process or fee should be required.	<p>Contest call signs are considered to be in the same category as the other time-limited call signs. Since they are similar in nature to special event call signs, we had included them as a subcategory of special event call signs. For clarity and consistency with terminology currently used by amateurs, we have included a separate reference to contest call signs in the CRIS. The fee associated with consideration of an application for this call sign type is \$52.75.</p> <p>Amateur operators with time-limited call signs, including contest call signs, will need to reconfirm their call sign every 12 months.</p> <p>The ACMA will give consideration to possible fees associated for reconfirming time-limited call signs (special event, contest, and VK0 and VK9 call signs), and expects to consult further in the context of the draft 2024–25 Fees CRIS.</p> <p>For call signs that are not time-limited (2-letter and 3-letter call signs), there will be no reconfirmation fee. This is because the ACMA will not need to consider new information or make a decision when an amateur reconfirms their use of these call signs.</p> <p>In February 2024, the ACMA will publish a call sign policy that will provide further clarification about the reconfirmation process.</p>
7	Concerns that the consultation did not address the additional regulatory burden for amateur radio operation.	The move to class licensing arrangements should reduce the regulatory burden on amateurs. Once the Amateur Class Licence commences, it will minimise costs for both current non-assigned apparatus-licensed amateurs and new amateur licensees, who will not have to pay any licence taxes and charges to operate under the Amateur Class Licence.
8	Comment that there should be no difference in fees between an application for a 2-letter call sign with the number 2,3,4 in the suffix and an application for a 2-letter call sign with the numbers 5,6,7,8 in the suffix. This is because the time taken to process the application for these call signs should not increase just because there were fewer 2-letter call signs beginning with the letters 2,3 and 4 in the suffix, available.	There are fewer available 2-letter call signs with the letter 2, 3 and 4 in the suffix. Noting this, there are additional steps that staff will need to take that justify the higher cost for these applications. These steps include confirming the application is consistent with the call sign policy and checking call sign availability.
9	An error was identified in the draft Fees CRIS 2023–24 consultation paper. The consultation paper indicated that the cost for a special event call sign was \$52.75, based on an ACMA staff member taking 50	The cost for the ACMA to process an application for a special event call sign is \$52.75. This has been calculated based on the estimated amount of time it will take ACMA staff to process a call sign of this type: 14 minutes. The 50 minutes quoted was incorrect.

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	minutes to process the application. Noting that the ACMA hourly rate was listed as \$226.00, the submitter noted that 50 minutes of work at this rate equates to \$188.35.	
10	Fees for licence variations were not included in the 2023–24 Fees CRIS consultation paper.	No licence variation fees for the Amateur Class Licence were included in the 2023–24 Fees CRIS consultation paper because there are no individual licences issued under class-licensing arrangements. The fees relating to variation of apparatus licence conditions remain and were outlined in the draft 2023–24 Fees CRIS. This variation fee will continue to apply to non-assigned amateur apparatus licences.
11	The proposed Amateur Class Licence would reduce licencing and operational costs for individual amateurs.	Amateur operators who are qualified to operate under the Amateur Class Licence will not be required to renew their non-assigned amateur apparatus licence, and will not have to pay any licence taxes and charges to operate under the Amateur Class Licence.
12	The active licence period was not defined and that the ACMA had not outlined how 'renewal' would occur, or any fees associated with this process.	As above, the ACMA will give consideration to possible fees associated for reconfirming time-limited call signs (special event, contest, and VK0 and VK9 call signs), and expects to consult further in the context of the draft 2024–25 Fees CRIS.
13	Suggestion that a new fee could be charged to each call sign held by an amateur operator every 10 years.	For call signs that are not time-limited (2-letter and 3-letter call signs), there will be no reconfirmation fee. This is because ACMA staff will not need to consider new information or make a decision when an amateur operator reconfirms their use of these call signs. In February 2024, the ACMA will publish a call sign policy that will provide further clarification about the reconfirmation process.
14	Those undertaking a 'recognition of prior learning' assessment should be compensated for the time taken to perform this task.	To ensure continuity of service for amateur operators, the ACMA will use the services of the current AMC Advisors on a contractual basis. Part of this role will include providing recommendations to the ACMA on recognition of prior learning applications from overseas amateurs.
15	Comment that the proposed fees were reasonable but concerns raised that there was no information about when future increases to the fees were likely to occur.	In line with the Australian Government Charging Framework, the ACMA will continue to consult with industry, through a CRIS, prior to introducing any fees increases. The standard and additional hourly rates as well as business processes and staffing effort required to provide a service are reviewed annually by the ACMA to ensure the fees charged to industry are an accurate reflection of the ACMA's regulatory effort.
16	Clarification sought about whether the ACMA anticipated an increase in the estimated processing times used to estimate fees in the draft Fees CRIS 2023–24.	
17	Comment that using an online system would minimise ACMA staff involvement and costs for issuing an ACMA Recognition Certificate and considering applications for call signs.	The ACMA is working to build online functionality to support amateur operators to apply for call signs and ACMA recognition certificates. The ACMA will still need to verify examination and qualification records when deciding applications for call signs and ACMA recognition certificates.

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18	<p>The \$45.20 fee for ACMA recognition certificate application should be the only fee payable by amateur operators and that this fee should include assignment of a call sign.</p>	<p>Under the arrangements, the cost for applying for a call sign to be assigned will depend on the type of call sign. It will not change whether the amateur operator is a new or existing amateur operator.</p>
19	<p>Clarification sought on whether the published fees were linked to an assessment cost rather than to a cost for ACMA Cost Recovery purposes.</p> <p>Concerns that assessors and clubs will incur costs from undertaking amateur radio assessments. They propose that assessors and clubs be able to charge a modest fee to cover the costs and that there be a standard fee across Australia.</p>	<p>The ACMA's cost recovery methodology applies to all fees and charges, including those for licences, outlined in Appendix A of the CRIS and are intended to cost recover the time expected to be taken by ACMA staff to consider applications and/or provide services.</p> <p>The Radiocommunications Accreditation (Amateur Radio Examination) Rules 2023 outline that Accredited Assessors cannot charge for conducting examinations.</p>
20	<p>Comment that if the ACMA moved to a fully online examination system this was likely to decrease time taken by ACMA staff and therefore reduce fees associated with these activities.</p> <p>Clarification sought about if a candidate sits and passes an amateur radio examination, and then chooses to sit and passes a higher examination level in the same session, if they will only be required to pay one fee for the highest ACMA recognition certificate obtained.</p>	<p>The ACMA will consider developing functionality to facilitate wholly online amateur operator examinations. However, the ACMA will still need to verify examination and qualification records when deciding applications for call signs and ACMA recognition certificates. The fees account for these activities of ACMA staff.</p> <p>Under the proposed scheme there are no costs associated with amateur operators undertaking an examination with an ACMA Accredited Assessor. Provided an amateur operator adequately passes all components of an amateur operator's examination, that candidate can apply for an ACMA recognition certificate. For the scenario on which clarity was sought, it is at the person's discretion whether they apply for one or both ACMA recognition certificates.</p>
21	<p>Comment that the fees outlined in the 2023–24 Fees CRIS were reasonable but sought more information on how the ACMA had determined the time it would take for each type of call sign application to be considered.</p> <p>Clarification about whether the hourly ACMA rate was linked with the consumer price index.</p>	<p>The costs associated with each application have been calculated with reference to the estimated time for staff to consider and decide each application type. This includes consideration and verification of information provided in the application and any further steps involved in communicating with applicants and providing a decision.</p> <p>The hourly rate is not directly based on movements in the consumer price index. Instead, as noted in the CRIS, it is established by dividing the ACMA's net cost of service by the total number of productive hours worked by staff providing direct services, including an attribution of all support and overhead costs. The current ACMA hourly rate is based on the actual costs incurred by the ACMA for the 2020–21 financial year, and as no significant changes have occurred to our cost structures in 2021–22, we maintained our special and standard hourly rates as per the previous rates implemented on 1 October 2022.</p>