

# **Cost Recovery Implementation Statement**

Fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services, budget year 2024–25

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### 1. Introduction

# 1.1 Purpose of this Cost Recovery Implementation Statement

In accordance with the Australian Government Charging Framework, the ACMA is required to cost recover for the regulatory services we provide. This includes the preparation and publication of a Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) before charging can commence.

This CRIS provides information on how we implement cost recovery for our radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services. Appendix A of this CRIS outlines these charges, including any changes to existing charges.

The CRIS includes financial and non-financial information for our activities, and contains financial forecasts over the 2024–25 and 3 forward years (to 2027–28) – see Table 6. 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, some internet content, interactive gambling and datacasting services
- managing access to spectrum and planning the availability of radiofrequency bands through licence arrangements, and resolving competing spectrum demands through price-based allocation methods, for the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors
- regulating compliance with the relevant legislation, licence conditions, codes of practice, standards, service guarantees and other safeguards
- upholding community safeguards and protections
- promoting and facilitating industry self-regulatory and co-regulatory solutions to emerging issues
- exercising powers, where necessary, to create legislative and other instruments, often in the form of standards or service provider rules
- providing information to Australians 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 have undertaken a comprehensive review of our existing activities to assess the ongoing requirement of each activity and the appropriateness of the current charges. The review has been undertaken in the context of existing legislation that has established our powers to recover the costs of our activities, review the appropriateness of the current level and application of charges, and our standard and special hourly rates. This is discussed further in Section 3 of this CRIS.

#### 1.3 Stakeholders

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

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 pays a charge for the service.

Table 1: Key stakeholders

Activity group	Type of service	Key stakeholders		
		Community, commercial and national broadcasters		
	Apparatus liganose	Individual licensees		
	Apparatus licences	Government entities		
		Commercial organisations (mining, construction, communications companies)		
		Major network operators		
Radiocommunications	Spectrum licences	Government entities		
		Television broadcasters		
	Examinations	Marine radio operators		
		Satellite operators		
	Other services	Australian search and rescue service		
	Other services	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 former 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 chargingrelated 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), we may, by written instrument, make determinations fixing charges for services provided by us, and any matter in relation to which expenses are incurred by us 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 impose charges under written instruments, or set amounts for charges imposed by legislation.

Table 2: List of legal instruments outlining charges for service

Determination	Made under
Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2024 (No. 1) to amend the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022 (Radiocommunications Determination)	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Multiplex Transmitter Licence – Application Fee) Determination 2022	Paragraphs 102C(2)(b) and 102D(2)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act
Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022 (Telecommunications Determination)	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Application) Determination 2022	Subsection 9(1) of the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997
Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017 (Broadcasting Determination)	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) (Allocation Charge) Determination 2015	Subsection 13(1) of the Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997

Determination	Made under
Telecommunications (Annual Charge) Determination 2014	Subsections 20(1) and 22(2) of the Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997
Telecommunications (Collection of Numbering Charges) Determination 2014	Subsections 468(3) and (4) of the Telecommunications Act 1997

## 3. 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 that can be directly attributed to our service provision. These include direct staff salaries and other expenses (for example, contractors, consultants, suppliers, office consumables and travel) that are incurred by the operational areas in carrying out the direct activities.

Support costs are those incurred by our 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 and occupancy) incurred by the relevant support areas.

Overhead costs are those 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).

#### 3.1 Hourly rates

#### 3.1.1 Standard hourly rate

We have undertaken a comprehensive review of our current activities to assess the requirements of each activity and the time taken by ACMA staff to complete these.

The ACMA's current 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. This includes attributing all support and overhead costs. No change is proposed as we are yet to finalise our actual costs for the 2023-24 financial year. We will maintain our standard hourly rate as per the previous rate implemented in the 2023–24 fees for service CRIS available on the ACMA website.

The standard hourly rate has been consistently applied to all radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting charges, except those related to radiocommunications field operations and interference investigations. See section 9 of the Radiocommunications Determination, section 8 of the Telecommunications Determination and section 10 of the Broadcasting Determination.

#### Proposed changes to special ACMA hourly rates

- Special hourly rate A Radiocommunications field operations and interference investigations: A reduced special hourly rate A of \$241 has been introduced (decreased from \$255). This rate is applied to field operations and interference investigations. It 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.
- Special hourly rate B Testing of radiocommunications devices: As we no longer provide this service, this charge will be removed.

## Cost recovery model

We are introducing charges to enable us to charge, on a cost-recovery basis, for the assessment of applications relating to amateur radio call sign re-assignment and transfers. This includes the assessment of whether a written permission should be given under section 193 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*. Further details are provided in section 5.1 and Appendix A of this CRIS.

We are also changing some of the existing charges relating to apparatus and spectrum licences. Further details are provided in section 5.2 and Appendix A of this CRIS. There are no changes to the existing telecommunications charges or broadcasting charges.

The new and changed charges are implemented through the amendments to the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022.

#### 4.1 Outputs and business processes of the activity

Our activities for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services that are subject to charging arrangements are outlined in Appendix A. This provides the following information:

- · current and proposed charges
- relevant descriptions (current and proposed)
- · explanations for the change
- · details of deleted and new activities.

In some cases, the description for a certain activity may have been amended to better reflect the service being provided. These changes are set out in Appendix A in the column headed 'New description' for comparison.

#### 4.2 Design of cost-recovery charges

As part of the last ACMA-wide Portfolio Charging Review in 2019–20 and to validate and support the ACMA's charges, an activity-based costing (ABC) process was undertaken to identify and document the underlying business processes and staffing effort required to provide each service.

The business processes for each activity have been reviewed again as part of this CRIS. The calculation of charges 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 charge was applied across those activities. If it was irregular and/or inconsistent, a variable charge based on the actual time taken to deliver the service was applied.

The above methodology has been applied to all the charges outlined in Appendix A.

#### 4.3 Radiocommunications-related charges

#### 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 issue 3 kinds of licence:

- apparatus
- spectrum
- class.

The Radiocommunications Determination includes charges for issuing, renewing or varying apparatus licences and certain charges associated with spectrum licences:

- Apparatus licences: apparatus licences are issued to authorise operating radiocommunications devices. The charges applicable to the activities involved in issuing, renewing or varying apparatus licences are outlined in Part 2 of Schedule 1, tables 1–2 of the Radiocommunications Determination (see Appendix A, ref 2–71). 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, 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). They provide the right to use radiocommunications devices in specified spectrum within a defined geographical area. Spectrum licences are mainly allocated by auction, though they may also be allocated for a pre-determined price. We recover the cost of part of our spectrum management activities through the charges applicable to certain activities associated with spectrum licensing, as outlined in Part 5 of Schedule 1, Table 1 (5.1.1 and 5.1.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination (see Appendix A, ref 83–84).
- Class licences: class licences authorise operating 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.
- **4.3.1 Charges relating to device testing** (see Schedule 1, Part 1, Table 1 of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 1).

The ACMA no longer undertakes any device testing. Therefore, the current charge (charged at a special hourly rate B) is no longer required and has been removed.

**4.3.2 Charges relating to apparatus licences** (see Schedule 1, Part 2, tables 1–2 of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 2–71).

The charges in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination are grouped into assigned apparatus licences, non-assigned apparatus licences and area-wide licences:

- **Assigned licences** (see Schedule 1, Part 2, tables 1–2 of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 2–46 and 56–71).
  - An assigned apparatus licence is an apparatus licence that specifies the frequency on which, or frequency range within which, a radiocommunications device may operate, but does not include a category 1 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence, category 2 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence or a category 3 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence.
- Assigned PTS licences (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.8 and 2.1.15 (b)) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 13 and 43)

The activities in relation to issuing PTS licences for operating a station in Public Mobile Telecommunication Service (PMTS) Class B and Class C are reflected by the ACMA's consideration of an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act. If applicants do not have the coordination work for apparatus licensed stations performed by accredited persons, there is considerable work for the ACMA to coordinate the station with other licences. The charge for a PMTS Class B licence reflects the required staffing effort, which has been reassessed based on the current underlying business processes using the ABC approach applied against the ACMA standard hourly rate.

- **Non-assigned licences** (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.17) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 47–55).
  - A non-assigned apparatus licence means an apparatus licence that does not specify the frequency on which, or frequency range within which, a radiocommunications device authorised by the licence may operate (the permitted frequencies are instead specified in a legislative instrument).
- Area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (items 2.1.18–2.1.22) and Appendix A, ref 56–60) and Varying a Licence (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (items 2.2.7–2.2.8) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 67–68).
  - 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 issuing and varying AWLs are categorised as:
- **FSS-only AWL**: an AWL that includes a condition that only authorises operating a fixed earth station.
- Standard AWL: an AWL that is not an FSS-only AWL.

The area-wide receive licence (AWRL) is a receiver licence type introduced to support AWLs. AWRLs authorise operating radiocommunications receivers.

In February 2024, we announced that we would open applications in March for both AWLs and AWRLs in the allocation process for apparatus licences in the 3.8 GHz band in metropolitan, regional, and rural areas. Accordingly, charges for the issuing of an AWRL were introduced. We also amended the charges for standard AWLs to facilitate consistent charges between AWRLs and AWLs.

Applicants for AWRLs pay a charge for the ACMA considering an application for an AWRL. 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 issue and variation charges for the AWRL are the same as the charges for a standard AWL, as both licence types are substantially similar and the activities and associated costs of assessing applications are equivalent.

4.3.3 Other charges relating to apparatus licences (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2, (items 2.2.1–2.2.11) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A. ref 61-71).

Almost all (98%) applications to the ACMA for issuing or varying an apparatus licence are accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person. Frequency assignment typically represents most of the work associated with considering a licence application. Of the licences that are still assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for charge-exempt clients.

Changes to some apparatus licence charges are set out in this CRIS, reflecting the reassessment of required staffing effort and underlying business processes using the ABC approach.

- **4.3.4 Charges for permits, certificates or exemptions** (see Schedule 1 Part 3, tables 1-4) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 72-82).
- a) International broadcasting certificate (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 1 (item 3.1.1) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 72). This includes charges applicable for considering an application for a provisional international broadcasting certificate made under section 131AE of the Radiocommunications Act.
- b) Non-standard equipment (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 2 (item 3.2.1-3.2.3) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 73–75). Permits for non-standard and unlabelled devices are issued under the Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021 made by the ACMA under the Radiocommunications Act. The charges for these activities have been separated so the charges for first-time applications and subsequent applications under the same terms by the same applicant are different.
- c) Applications under the Radiocommunications (Exemption) Determination 2021 (Exemption Determination) or under section 193 of the Radiocommunications Act (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (item 3.3.1-3.3.4) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 76–79).

Under section 302 of the Radiocommunications Act, the ACMA may determine exemptions in relation to equipment subject to a permanent ban. The Exemption Determination, made under section 302 of the Radiocommunications Act, provides that we may make a notifiable instrument naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination applies. A named person can, within the limitations of the Exemption Determination, possess, operate and/or supply banned equipment.

There are charges relating to the ACMA considering an application for a notifiable instrument, or making a new notifiable instrument for a current or recent 1 exemption holder without application.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The holder of a previous instrument within 3 months after the previous instrument has ceased to be in force

#### d) Charges relating to amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates

#### Amateur radio

 Amateur radio qualifications (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 4 (item 3.4.1) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 80).

The ACMA issues the following recognition certificates to suitably qualified candidates under the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 (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 Recognition of Prior Learning (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.

• Amateur radio RPL (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 4 (item 3.4.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 81).

The ACMA has a process for RPL and determining whether someone is eligible to apply for an ACMA recognition certificate under the Amateur Class Licence.

Overseas qualified amateurs seeking to gain an Australian qualification must be eligible to apply for an ACMA recognition certificate. To be eligible, the overseas amateur can either pass an examination that they can sit for free with an accredited assessor, or apply for an exemption (which requires an RPL assessment by us).

An RPL assessment results in the ACMA deciding whether to exempt the applicant from having to sit a component or components of an amateur radio examination. If the applicant is exempted from all components of an amateur radio examination, the applicant can apply for an ACMA recognition certificate. If the applicant is not exempted from all components of an amateur radio examination, the applicant will need to obtain a satisfactory result in the examination components they are not exempted from with an accredited assessor before applying for an ACMA recognition certificate. Once an RPL assessment has been completed, there is no cost to apply for an ACMA recognition certificate, regardless of the RPL outcome.

RPL assessments are a time-intensive process that 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 charge is structured accordingly.

• Marine radio (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 4 (item 3.4.3) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 82).

Marine radio examinations are currently undertaken by a third party under ACMA approvals and delegations, complemented by a deed of agreement with the Commonwealth. The deed includes provisions that any charges charged by the third party are to be charged on a cost-recovery basis.

While the ACMA does not intend to conduct examinations under this arrangement, if a situation arises where we are required to provide the maritime radio examination service, a charge is intended to apply.

4.3.5 Charges relating to spectrum licences (see Schedule 1, Part 5, Table 1 (item 5.1.1-5.1.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 83-84).

These charges relate to considering a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications Act, and for processing registration of an assignment of all or part of a spectrum licence under section 86 of the Radiocommunications Act.

Changes to some spectrum licence charges are set out in this CRIS, reflecting the reassessment of required staffing effort and underlying business processes using the ABC approach.

4.3.6 Charges relating to satellite filing and coordination (see Schedule 1, Part 6, Table 1 (item 6.1.1–6.1.4) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 85-88).

The filing and coordination of satellite networks with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is one of the ACMA's spectrum management functions 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 time and effort required to undertake a full assessment of applications for satellite filing varies considerably depending on the complexity of the application. For new satellite operators, rather than a fixed up-front charge based on the time to assess a complex application, the charge for an initial assessment and consultation is based on the time expected to undertake an initial assessment of a simple application (5 hours). This allows new satellite operators to assess whether to proceed further with the full assessment, which is charged at the hourly rate. Accordingly, the charges are essentially charged at an hourly rate based on a 2-stage pricing structure. This is consistent with how applications from existing satellite operators are charged with charges based on the hourly rate.

#### 4.3.7 Charges relating to miscellaneous services/matters

- a) Duplicate documents (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 1 (item 7.1.1) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 89).
  - These activities (relating to charges for issuing duplicate documents, various radiofrequency assignment and licensing services provided by the ACMA, miscellaneous radiocommunications services, establishment and maintenance of credit accounts and callsigns) reflect the services requested by industry and the relevant staff effort required to deliver them.
- b) General radiocommunications services (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.1–7.2.4 and 7.2.7) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 90-93 and 96).
  - The provision of radiofrequency assignment and licensing services is charged at an hourly rate. The provision of services to trace the location of an emergency position-indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) is charged at the special hourly rate A, which is the same hourly rate for field operations and interference investigations.
- c) Accreditation rules and accredited persons (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 3 (item 7.3.1 to 7.3.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 97-98).
  - The Radiocommunications Determination sets out 2 charges- one for applications for a General Licensing Accreditation and another for Specific Licensing Accreditation. The rules for assessing both sets of applications are set out under

the Radiocommunications Accreditation (General) Rules 2021 (Accreditation Rules).

d) Credit accounts (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (item 7.4.1-7.4.5) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 99–103).

These are charges relating to the establishment and maintenance of a credit account, which is a facility provided by the ACMA to enable credit account holders to pay radiocommunications charges on credit terms.

#### 4.3.8 Charges relating to call signs

Amateur radio call signs (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.1–7.5.9) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 104-112).

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

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 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 charges are structured to reflect the amount of time it would take us to assess an application and assign a call sign (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 to the Radiocommunications Determination).

The Amateur Class Licence includes a provision for the ACMA to issue a replacement call sign if exceptional circumstances exist. There is no charge for issuing replacement call signs.

4.3.9 Charges relating to Digital radio multiplex transmitter licensing activity (see sections 6 and 7, Fees under the Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Multiplex Transmitter Licence - Application Fee) Determination 2022) and Appendix A, ref 113 and 114).

Digital radio services are licensed, planned and operated under the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (Broadcasting Services Act) and the Radiocommunications Act. The legislation sets the statutory basis for spectrum planning for digital radio, allocating 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.

#### 4.4 Telecommunications-related charges

Telecommunications regulation, planning and licensing

- 4.4.1 Nominated carrier declaration charges (see Schedule 1, Part 1(item 1.1) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 115).
- 4.4.2 Telecommunications connection permits and facility installation permits (see Schedule 1, Part 7, (item 7.1); Schedule 1, Part 3 and 4 (items 3.1-3.2 and 4.1-4.3) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 116 and 120-124).

Costs incurred by the ACMA in regulating the telecommunications industry are largely recovered under the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997 through imposing an annual carrier licence charge. However, several services for the telecommunications industry are recovered through charges set out in the Telecommunications Determination.

These include applications for:

- a) Connection permits: Written statement under paragraph 408(5)(a) of the Telecommunications Act in relation to labelling certification (see Schedule 1, Part 7 (item 7.1) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A. ref 116).
- b) Facility installation permit, including those relating to a public inquiry (see Schedule 1, Part 3 and 4, (items 3.1–3.2 and 4.1–4.3) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 120–124).
- 4.4.3 Charges payable to declare, vary or revoke a protection (see Schedule 1, Part 5, (items 5.1–5.4) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 125-128).
- 4.4.4 Charges related to submarine cabling protection or non-protection zone (see Schedule 1, Part 6 (items 6.1-6.6) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 129-134).
- 4.4.5 Charges related to numbering activities (see Schedule 1, Part 2 (items 2.1–2.3) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 117–119).
- Since 2015, most number allocation and administrative services for Australian telephone numbers have been provided via the Numbering System. The Numbering System was built, and the ongoing allocation services are provided, under contract. Charges for certain numbering transactions in the Numbering System are imposed by the Telecommunications Numbering Charges Act 1997 (Telecommunications Numbering Charges Act). The ACMA sets the amount of those charges and imposes other charges under 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.
- 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).

#### 4.4.6 Charges related to carrier licence application

The charge for a carrier licence is set out under the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Application) Determination 2022 (see Appendix A, ref 135).

#### 4.5 Broadcasting-related charges

#### Broadcasting regulation, planning and licensing

**4.5.1 Charges relating to broadcasting licences** (see Schedule 1, Part 1, (table items 1–5) to the Broadcasting Determination and Appendix A, ref 136-140).

#### Allocating broadcasting licences

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

The administrative activities involve issuing international broadcasting licences, datacasting licences, subscription television broadcasting licences and commercial broadcasting licences under the Broadcasting Services Act.

#### Allocating community radio broadcasting licences

These activities include allocating, renewing and transferring long-term community broadcasting licences and allocating 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.

**4.5.2** Charges related to provision of opinions, industry monitoring and compliance activities (see Schedule 1, Part 2, (table items 1–2) to the Broadcasting Determination and Appendix A, ref 141–142).

The 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.

The procedural requirements for preparing and giving an opinion on application under sections 21 and 74 of the Broadcasting Services Act resulted in the same charge for both services in the past. There have been no applications for section 74 opinions in the past 5 years. The latest section 21 opinion was finalised in March 2019. As there is no reliable basis to establish the current actual steps required to prepare the opinion, we will invoice based on actual time taken to provide the service using the standard hourly rate.

4.5.3 Charges related to international broadcasting licence (see Schedule1, Part 3 (table items 1–2) to the Broadcasting Determination and Appendix A, ref 143–144).

Considering an application for an international broadcasting licence under section 121FA of the Broadcasting Services Act continues to require the payment of an upfront deposit and further charges for processing the application. The charge for processing the application is based on the ACMA's standard hourly rate.

#### 4.5.4 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 charge. Therefore, it is considered appropriate that the activity continue to be funded through appropriation.

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.

# 5. New charges and changes to existing charges

#### 5.1 New radiocommunications charges

**5.1.1 Written permission** (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (item 3.3.3–3.3.4) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 78–79).

The ACMA may make a 'permanent ban' in relation to specified equipment under the Radiocommunications Act (banned equipment). If it does so, it is an offence, and subject to a civil penalty, to operate, possess or supply banned equipment. We have generally only made a permanent ban where the banned equipment is likely to cause significant interference to radiocommunications. It is also an offence under section 193 of the Radiocommunications Act for a person to use a transmitter in a way that the person knows is likely to interfere substantially with certain radiocommunications, without the ACMA's written permission.

We have made the Exemption Determination, which allows it to name persons who are not prohibited from possessing, operating or supplying banned equipment in a notifiable instrument, subject to specified conditions. Under the ACMA's innovation and industry development framework (IIDF), we generally only give written permission under section 193 of the Radiocommunications Act to those named persons.

Since the commencement of the Exemption Determination, requests for a written permission have only been made by a person at the same time as the person applied to be a named person under the Exemption Determination. However, any person can request written permission under section 193 at any time.

The ACMA is introducing charges for considering an application for a written permission, or considering a new written permission for a current or recent holder of such a permission without an application from the holder (See Table 1 below).

#### 5.1.2 Amateur radio call signs

**Re-assignment** (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.6–7.5.8) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 109–111).

Under the Amateur Class Licence, call signs with the prefix VK0 or VK9, special event call signs and contest call signs are generally assigned for 12 months and holders of these call signs will be able to apply to have their call sign re-assigned before expiry. The ACMA is introducing charges for considering an application for call sign reassignment.

**Transfer** (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.9) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 112).

Amateur radio operators can apply to 'transfer' their call sign to another amateur operator.

The ACMA is introducing a charge for considering an application made by a person assigned a call sign under the Amateur Class Licence that the assignment be cancelled, and the call sign be assigned to another person. This is more commonly referred to as a transfer. See Table 3 below.

Table 3: New charges

No.	Charge type	Description	Estimated time taken by ACMA staff to provide service	Charge
1	Written permission	Considering an application for written permission to be given under section 193(1) of the Radiocommunications Act (whether or not the application is granted).	As each application is expected to be different, the time taken to process each application will vary significantly.	The charge is based on the actual time taken to provide the service using the current standard hourly rate of \$226.
2	Written permission	Giving written permission (new permission) under section 193(1) of the Radiocommunications Act to a person where a written permission (previous permission) has already been given to the same person, and the new permission is made either while the previous permission is still in force, or within 3 months after the previous permission has ceased to be in force.	As each application is expected to be different, the time taken to process each application will vary significantly.	The charge is based on the actual time taken to provide the service using the current standard hourly rate of \$226.
3	Call sign	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the re-assignment of a special event call sign.	9 minutes	\$34
4	Call sign	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the re-assignment of a contest call sign.	4 minutes	\$15
5	Call sign	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the re-assignment of a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0.	9 minutes	\$34
6	Call sign	Considering an application that the assignment of a call sign to a person be cancelled and the call sign be assigned to another person.  Note: This activity may be described as a 'transfer' of the call sign.	4 minutes	\$15

#### 5.2 Changes to existing charges

#### 5.2.1 Radiocommunications charges

There are changes to some of the existing charges relating to apparatus and spectrum licences. The comprehensive review undertaken by the ACMA to assess the requirements of each of its current activities has resulted in a revision in the underlying business processes and corresponding ACMA staffing effort required to provide these services.

Table 4 below is not an exhaustive list of amendments and only reflects those existing charges that have an increase to the charge amounts. Table 5 reflects the removal of some existing radiocommunications charges. Other changes (including decreases to existing charges, changes to descriptions, reordering of charges into assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licence groups and administrative changes such as the removal of any redundant information) are explained in detail in Appendix A of the CRIS.

Table 4: Increase to existing Radiocommunications Determination charges

No	Charge type	Current description	Previous charge	New charge	Reason/Notes	Appendix A reference
1	Assigned licences	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.	\$482.00 per spectrum access	\$520.00 per spectrum access	Revision to this charge is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences are regrouped as assigned licences which results in Part 2 of the Radiocommunications Determination being reordered.	40
2	Assigned licences	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 receive licence.	\$500.00 per spectrum access	\$520.00 per spectrum access	Revision to this charge is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences are regrouped as assigned licences which results in Part 2 of the Radiocommunications Determination being reordered.	42

No	Charge type	Current description	Previous charge	New charge	Reason/Notes	Appendix A reference
3	Assigned licences	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).	\$471.00 per licence	\$520.00 per spectrum access	Revision to this charge is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences are regrouped as assigned licences which results in Part 2 of the Radiocommunications Determination being reordered.	43
4	Spectrum licences	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.	\$38.00	Hourly rate	Revision of the underlying business process has identified staffing effort as irregular. Therefore, the charge is based on the effort taken to provide the services applied to the ACMA's current hourly rate of \$226, rather than a fixed rate.	84

Table 5: Removal of existing radiocommunications charges

No	Charge type	Current description	Previous charge	New charge	Reason/Notes	Appendix A reference
1	Charges payable for device testing	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.	Special hourly rate B	Removed	The ACMA no longer performs this function.	1

No	Charge type	Current description	Previous charge	New charge	Reason/Notes	Appendix A reference
2	Non- assigned licences	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).	\$36.00	Removed	Replaced by class licence; such apparatus licences are no longer issued.	53
3	Non- assigned licences	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):  (d) outpost licence (outpost non assigned station).	\$36.00	Removed	Replaced by class licence; such apparatus licences are no longer issued.	54
4	Non- assigned licences	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)  (ii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard)  (iii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard)  (iii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Foundation).	\$36.00	Removed	Replaced by class licence; such apparatus licences are no longer issued.	55

### 6. Risk assessment

We have 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 medium. The type of cost-recovery charges are fees only. There are no complexities involved with this charging mechanism as the charges for the services will continue to be charged using the current methodology as outlined in:

- section 3: Costs of performing ACMA activities
- section 4.2: Design of cost-recovery charges, of this CRIS.

There is minimal change estimated in the total annual revenue for the activities.

# 7. Stakeholder engagement

To maintain active engagement with stakeholders, we published a consultation paper and draft CRIS on our website from 3 to 31 May 2023 and sought comments from telecommunications carriers and CSPs, broadcasters, radiocommunications licensees and industry associations as part of the consultation process.

We received submissions from Commercial Radio and Audio and Free TV Australia. Both submissions raised concerns about the significant financial impost an increase to the existing charge for processing an application under section 46 of the BSA from \$202 to \$778 would have on industry. In light of the concerns raised, we agree to maintain the fee at the current 2023-24 charge and will undertake further work to streamline processes prior to introducing any increase through a future CRIS. A summary of the issues raised, and our response is provided at Appendix B.

## 8. Financial estimates

Table 6 provides the estimated cost-recovery revenue and expenses for the financial years 2024–25 to 2027–28.

Table 6: Estimated cost-recovery revenue and expenses

Charge item	Budget year 2024–25* (\$million)	estimate 1	Forward estimate 2 2026–27 (\$million)	Forward estimate 3 2027–28 (\$million)
Radiocommunications charges *	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03
Telecommunications charges	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Broadcasting charges	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Total revenue	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22
Total expenses	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>\*</sup> Includes estimated 2024–25 part-year impact of charges under the call sign arrangements.

#### 8.1 Financial performance

Table 7 provides historical revenue and expenses for the past 5 financial years.

Table 7: Actual cost-recovery revenue and expenses

Charge item	2019–20 (\$million)	2020–21 (\$million)	2021–22 (\$million)	2022–23 (\$million)	2023–24* (\$million)
Radiocommunications charges	3.38	3.43	3.18	2.76	2.03
Telecommunications charges	0.13	0.18	0.12	0.19	0.17
Broadcasting charges	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01
Total revenue	3.54	3.65	3.33	2.97	2.21
Total expenses	3.54	3.65	3.33	2.97	2.21
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

\*Note: The 2023–24 financial year amounts are based on year-to-date actuals to 31 May 2024 and estimates for the one-month period ending 30 June 2024.

Actual revenue and expenses for 2023-24, particularly in relation to radiocommunications charges, 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 apparatus licences<sup>2</sup> that were issued, renewed or varied that generated the most revenue are:

- fixed licences (point-to-point station)
- land mobile systems greater than 30 MHz
- area-wide licences
- broadcasting (low powered open narrowcasting (LPON), stations and retransmission).

Most of the broadcasting revenue is related to commercial radio and television broadcasting service licensing. Telecommunications charges remained stable. Refer to Appendix A for information on the various ACMA charge types.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See the Radiocommunications Determination for definitions of these terms.

#### 8.2 Non-financial performance

We are responsible for regulating broadcasting, radiocommunications, telecommunications and some online content. Our key performance indicators and associated performance objectives for our deliverables are:

#### Support an efficient and reliable communications infrastructure

- The ACMA's spectrum planning, allocation and licensing activity meets the needs of the communications industry.
- The ACMA's contribution to the international spectrum framework supports the needs of the Australian communications industry.
- The ACMA's activities contribute to telecommunications infrastructure providers having confidence that they are appropriately authorised and enabled to provide communication services.

#### Build consumer trust in the use of communications content and services

- The ACMA is responsible for delivering activities that contribute to Australians having confidence in the content and services available to them.
- The ACMA's regulatory activities contribute to Australians having access to diverse media content and services.
- The ACMA's activities contribute to Australians' access to a competitive telecommunications market.

The ACMA's key deliverables for the 2024–25 financial year are expected to be published on our website through the 2024–25 corporate plan.

# 9. Key forward dates and events

The key forward events and dates for this CRIS update are set out in Table 8.

Table 8: Key forward dates and events

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

# 10. CRIS approval and change register

Table 9: Change register

Date	Description	Approved by	Comments
03 July 2024	Approval of the 2024–25 CRIS	Minister for Communications	
25 June 2024	Certification of the 2024–25 CRIS	ACMA Chair	
3 to 31 May 2024	Consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Authority	Changes to the ACMA fees for radiocommunications and broadcasting services and to amend relevant charges determinations.
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 to 26 September 2023	Additional consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Authority	Charges to accommodate a new qualification framework and accreditation scheme for amateur radio and proposed charges relating to issue of AWRLs.
5 June to 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,
11 August 2022	Certification of the 2022–23 CRIS	ACMA Chair	telecommunications and broadcasting services and to remake relevant charges
27 June to 25 July 2022	Consultation for 4 weeks on the draft CRIS		determinations.
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
23 March 2017	Approval of the updated CRIS – version 2	Minister for Communications	to sunset on 1 April 2017.

Date	Description	Approved by	Comments
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
24 June 2015	Certification of the addendum 1	ACMA Chair	activities.
2 October 2014	Approval of the CRIS – version 1	Minister for Communications	
25 September 2014	Certification of the CRIS – version 1	ACMA Chair	

# 11. Acronyms and shortened forms

ABC Activity-based costing

Accreditation Rules Radiocommunications Accreditation (General) Rules 2021

ACMA Australian Communications and Media Authority

ACMA Act Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005

AMC Australian Maritime College

AMSA Australian Maritime Safety Authority

AWL area-wide licence

AWRL area-wide receive licence

Broadcasting Determination

Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017

Broadcasting Services Act Broadcasting Services Act 1992

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

Numbering Plan Telecommunications Numbering Plan 2015

Radiocommunications

Act

Radiocommunications Act 1992

Radiocommunications

Determination

Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

RPL Recognition of Prior Learning

Telecommunications

Determination

Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

Telecommunications

Numbering Charges Act Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997

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

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

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
1	Device testing	Schedule 1, Part 1, Table 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.	Removed	Removed	Special hourly rate B	Removed	The ACMA no longer performs this function.
2	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 certificate issued by an accredited person.  Note: All frequency	No change	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 table item 2.1.2 or 2.1.3), where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.  Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences are chargeable.	\$26.00	\$26.00 per spectrum access	No change except to specify that it will be on a per spectrum access basis.  Description in the note has been amended slightly for clarity.

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
			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.					
3	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.2)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following assigned apparatus licences, where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (a) amateur licence (amateur beacon station) (b) amateur repeater (amateur repeater station) (c) ) fixed licence (sound outside broadcast station) (d) fixed licence (television outside broadcast network) (e) fixed licence (television outside broadcast system) (f) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned) (g) maritime ship licence (ship station class C assigned).	N/A	\$26.00 per licence	New line item added to specify that it will be on a per licence basis.

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
					Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences are chargeable.			
4	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.2)	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:  (a) earth licence (fixed earth station)  (b) earth licence (mobile earth station)  (c) space licence  (d) space receive licence.  Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences, and all frequency assignments associated with receiver licences, are chargeable.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.3)	N/A	\$102.00 per spectrum access	No change	Slight change to description for clarity.
5	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.4)	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the	\$177.00 per licence	No change	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount,

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
		2.2.1 (a))	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).		following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (a) amateur licence (amateur beacon station)  (b) amateur licence (amateur repeater station).			resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered.
6	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (b) amateur licence (amateur repeater station).					
7	Charges relating to apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.5)	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	\$490.00 per licence	\$226.00 per licence	Revision is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences have been grouped as

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
			frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (d) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned).		by an accredited person:  (a) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned) (b) maritime ship licence (ship station class C			assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered.
8	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).		assigned).	\$490.00 per licence		
9	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.6)	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) land mobile licence (ambulatory station), in circumstances where the licensee has already been issued a land mobile licence	\$444.00 per spectrum access	\$226.00 per spectrum access	Revision is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Description has been amended and a note included for clarity.

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
			(b) in considering the issue of the licence, the ACMA does not perform coordination procedures to minimise interference.		(ambulatory station) for the same frequency, bandwidth and area or site (b) land mobile licence (paging system – interior			
10	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).		paging).  Note: See table item 2.1.9 for charges relating to applications that require the ACMA to perform coordination procedures to minimise the risk of interference.	\$490.00 per spectrum access		
11	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.7)	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 (b) space receive licence.	\$576.00 per licence	\$264.00 per spectrum access	Revision-is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
12	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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.			\$576.00 per licence		being reordered.
13	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.8)	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a PTS licence (PMTS Class C), and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.	\$471.00 per licence	No change	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered.
14	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.9)	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	\$565.00 per spectrum access	\$471.00 per spectrum access	Revision is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
			station licence, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.		assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) fixed licence (900 MHz studio to transmitter link station) (b) fixed licence (point-to-			have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered.
15	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).		multipoint – land mobile spectrum) (c) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint station) (d) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint system) (e) fixed licence (point-to-point (5.8 GHz band) station) (f) fixed licence (point-to-point (self-coordinated) station) (g) fixed licence (point-to-point station) (h) land mobile licence (ambulatory station), where, in considering the issue of	\$471.00 per spectrum access		
16	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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		the licence the ACMA performs coordination procedures to minimise the risk of interference (i) land mobile licence (ambulatory system), where, in considering the issue of the licence the ACMA performs coordination procedures to minimise the risk of interference (j) land mobile licence (CB repeater station) (k) land mobile licence (land mobile system greater than	\$471.00 per spectrum access		

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			spectrum).		30 MHz)			
17	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).		(I) land mobile licence (PABX cordless telephone service) (m) land mobile licence (paging system – exterior) (n) maritime coast licence (limited coast assigned system) (o) maritime coast licence (major coast A station) (p) maritime coast licence (major coast B station) (q) major coast receive licence (r) narrowband area service station licence.	\$471.00 per spectrum access		
18	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$482.00 per spectrum access		
19	Apparatus licences –	Schedule 1 Part 2	Considering each frequency assignment			\$482.00 per spectrum		

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	assigned licences	Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (b))	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 (CB repeater station).			access		
20	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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) where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.			\$471.00 per spectrum access		
21	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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			\$490.00 per spectrum access		

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			the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (c) land mobile licence (paging system – exterior).					
22	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$490.00 per spectrum access		
23	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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			\$490.00 per licence		

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
			accredited person: (a) maritime coast licence (major coast A station).					
24	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$490.00 per spectrum access		
25	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$490.00 per licence		
26	Apparatus licences –	Schedule 1 Part 2	Considering an application under section			\$490.00 per		

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
	assigned licences	Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (c))	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.			licence		
27	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$500.00 per spectrum access		
28	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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			\$471.00 per spectrum access		

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			not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (e) fixed licence (900MHz studio to transmitter link station).					
29	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 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).			\$471.00 per licence		
30	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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:			\$471.00 per licence		

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			(c) fixed licence (point-to-point (5.8 GHz band) station).					
31	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (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) fixed licence (point-to-point station).			\$471.00 per spectrum access		
32	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (d) fixed licence (television outside broadcast station).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.10)	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 station) (b) outpost licence (outpost assigned station) (c) radiodetermination (body	\$482.00 per spectrum access	\$482.00 per spectrum access	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered. No change to fee except to specify that it is on a per spectrum access basis.

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33	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.14(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) outpost licence (outpost assigned station).		scan) licence.	\$482.00 per licence		
34	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.11)	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 assigned certificate issued by an accredited person:  (a) fixed licence (television outside broadcast network)  (b) fixed licence (television outside broadcast system).	\$482.00 per licence	No change	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered.  Description has been amended slightly for clarity.
35	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.12)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications	\$490.00 per spectrum access	No change	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount,

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		2.2.6 (a))	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 0–30 MHz).		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) broadcasting licence (high frequency) (b) land mobile licence (land mobile system 0–30 MHz).			resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered. Description has been amended slightly for clarity.
36	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 event with a duration of less than 2 weeks (c) all the applications in the group are made at the same time (d) all the applications are processed using an	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.13)	Considering an application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act, and issuing it (if applicable), where:  (a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person (b) the application is one of a group of 2 or more applications, all of which relate to either:  (i) an event with a duration of less than 2 weeks  (ii) military or other defence manoeuvres involving simulated wartime operations carried out to train and evaluate personnel that		No change	Description has been amended slightly for clarity.

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37	Apparatus	Schedule			happen for a period of not more than 3 months  (c) each application in the group is made on the same day (d) each application in the group is processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure  (e) each licence the subject of each application is applied for on the basis that the use	a period of not more than 3 months each application in the oup is made on the same y each application in the oup is processed using an ridged frequency ordination procedure each licence the subject each application is applied		
	licences – assigned licences	1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.12)	application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act 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 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		of the licence:  (i) is not to cause interference (ii) will not be afforded protection from interference caused by other services.	licence		

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			(c) all applications in the group are made at the same time (d) all the applications are processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure (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.					
38	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.14)	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)  (b) aircraft licence (aircraft assigned station).	\$500.00 per spectrum access	\$500.00 per station	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered. No change to fee except to specify that it is on a per station basis.
39	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.16)	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an			\$500.00 per licence		

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			aircraft licence (aircraft assigned station), and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.					
40	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.15)	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 receive licence (b) PTS licence (PMTS Class B) (c) radiodetermination licence	\$482.00 per spectrum access	\$520.00 per spectrum access	Revision is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate. Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount, resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered.
41	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 (scientific assigned station), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment		(d) scientific licence (scientific assigned station).	\$520.00 per spectrum access		

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			certificate issued by an accredited person.					
42	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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 application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:  (b) fixed receive licence.			\$500.00 per spectrum access		
43	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$471.00 per licence		
44	Apparatus licences – assigned	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.16)	Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications	\$546.00 per spectrum access	\$546.00 per spectrum access	Licences have been grouped as assigned licences and sorted by charge amount,

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	licences	2.2.9 (b))	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) earth licence (mobile earth station).		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)  (b) earth licence (mobile earth station)  (c) earth receive licence.			resulting in Part 2 of the Schedule being reordered. No change to fee except to specify that it is on a per spectrum access basis.
45	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$546.00 per spectrum access		
46	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 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			\$546.00 per licence		

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			certificate issued by an accredited person.					
47	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.17)	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing the licence (if applicable):  (a) fixed licence (sound outside broadcast station)	\$36.00 No	No change	Part 2 of the Schedule has been reordered due to grouping and sorting of assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licences by charge amount.
48	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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).		(b) fixed licence (temporary fixed link station) (c) maritime coast licence (limited coast marine rescue station) (d) maritime coast licence (limited coast non-assigned station) (e) maritime ship licence (ship station class B non-	\$36.00	No change	
49	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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).		assigned) (f) maritime ship licence (ship station class C non-assigned).	\$36.00	No change	
50	Apparatus licences – non-assigned	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following			\$36.00	No change	

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	licences	(Item 2.5.1 (g))	non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):					
			(g) maritime ship licence (ship station class C non-assigned).					
51	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (h))	Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non-assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):  (h) fixed licence (sound outside broadcast station).			\$36.00	No change	
52	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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).			\$36.00	No change	
53	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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).	Removed	Removed	\$36.00	Removed	Replaced by class licence; apparatus licences are no longer issued.

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54	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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): (d) outpost licence (outpost non-assigned station).	Removed	Removed	\$36.00	Removed	Replaced by class licence; apparatus licences are no longer issued.
55	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 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)  (ii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard)  (iii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard)  (iii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard)  (iii) Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency	Removed	Removed	\$36.00	Removed	Replaced by class licence; apparatus licences are no longer issued.
56	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.18)	N/A	\$696.00	No change	Part of the Schedule has been reordered due to grouping and sorting of assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licences by

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								charge amount.
57	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.2)	Considering an application for a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.19)	N/A	\$847.00	No change	Part 2 of the Schedule has been reordered due to grouping and sorting of assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licences by charge amount.
58	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.3)	Considering an application for an areawide receive licence, and issuing it (if applicable).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.20)	N/A	\$847.00	No change	Part 2 of the Schedule has been reordered due to grouping and sorting of assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licences by charge amount.
59	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.4)	Considering an application for the issue of a standard area-wide licence (the first application), 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 this further charge is applicable in relation to an application, the ACMA will apportion the charge so that all applications that are assessed against each other will incur the same	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.21)	N/A	The amount worked out using the following formula:  THR N+1  where: THR (short for total hourly rate), means the amount worked out by multiplying the hourly rate by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other	No change	Part 2 of the Schedule has been reordered due to grouping and sorting of assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licences by charge amount. Slight change to description for clarity.

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			additional charge, determined using the hourly rate.			application against which the first application is assessed.		
						N means the number of applications against which the first application is assessed.		
60	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.5)	Considering an application for the issue of an area-wide receive licence (the first application), 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 this further charge is applicable in relation to an application, 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.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.22)	N/A	The amount worked out using the following formula:  THR N+1  where: THR (short for total hourly rate), means the 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	No change	Part 2 of the Schedule has been reordered due to grouping and sorting of assigned, non-assigned and area-wide licences by charge amount. Slight change to description for clarity.

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						assessed.  N means the number of applications against which the first application is assessed.		
61	Apparatus licences – renewals	Schedule 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  (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  (d) in the case of a fixed receive licence — for each frequency assigned, or requested for assignment, for the purpose of reception  (e) in the case of a	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.1)	Considering an application under section 129 of the Radiocommunications Act 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 the application for renewal is made no later than 60 days after the expiry of the licence:  (a) for a fixed receive licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of reception  (b) for a broadcasting licence for the operation of a broadcast service station – per licence  (c) for a fixed licence (point to point (self-coordinated) station) – per spectrum access	\$4.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.

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			broadcasting licence for the operation of a broadcast service station – per licence (f) in the case of a fixed licence (point-to-point (self-coordinated)) station – per licence (g) in the case of a fixed licence (point-to-point (5.8 GHz band) station) – per licence (h) in the case of PTS licence (PMTS Class B) or PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence (i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency assigned, or requested for assignment, for the purpose of transmission (j) for any other non-assigned licence – per licence.  Note: Subsection 129(10) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies the circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.		<ul> <li>(d) for a fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) – per spectrum access</li> <li>(e) for an amateur licence (amateur beacon station) or an amateur licence (amateur repeater station) – per licence</li> <li>(f) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) – per spectrum access</li> <li>(g) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence</li> <li>(h) for a space receive licence or defence receive licence – per spectrum access</li> <li>(i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of transmission</li> <li>(j) for any other nonassigned licence – per licence.</li> <li>Note: Subsection 129(1) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.</li> </ul>			

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62	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 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 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  (b) in considering the application, the ACMA is not required to perform technical coordination.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.2)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of an assigned licence of a kind mentioned in an item of Table 1 or table item 2.2.6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1, and varying it (if applicable), where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person.	frequency assignment or paired frequency assigned to	No change	Change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.
63	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 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	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.3)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of an assigned licence or non-assigned licence, and varying it (if applicable), where:  (a) the licence is of a kind mentioned in an item of Table 1 or table item 2.2.6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1	\$36.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.

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			other item in this table (c) technical coordination is not required.		(b) the licence is not of a type mentioned in any other item of this table that relates to applications to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of a licence			
					(c) the ACMA has not performed any technical coordination.			
64	Apparatus licences – transfer of a licence	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 8 (Item 2.8.1)	Consideration of an application for the transfer of an apparatus licences under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act, and transferring the licence if applicable.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4)	Considering an application under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act for the transfer of an apparatus licence, and transferring it (if applicable)	\$94.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.
65	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 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)	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, 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)	\$102.00 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the application relates.	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.

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			<ul><li>(b) earth licence (mobile earth station)</li><li>(c) space licence</li><li>(d) space receive licence.</li></ul>		(c) space licence (d) space receive licence.			
66	Apparatus licences – participation in an allocation	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 3 (Item 2.3.1)	Considering an application to participate in the price-based allocation of an HPON licence in accordance with the HPON Determination.	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6)	N/A	\$471.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity.
67	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of a FSS only area-wide licence, and varying it (if applicable)	\$696.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.
68	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 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).	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.8)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of any of the following licences, and varying it (if applicable):  (a) area-wide receive licence  (b) standard area-wide licence.	\$847.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.
69	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 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 assigned licence,	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.9)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of an assigned licence or non-	The applicable charge for issuing the licence, as specified in the relevant item in	The applicable charge for considering an application under section 99 of the	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.

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70	Apparatus	Schedule	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  (b) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person  (c) in considering the application, the ACMA is required to perform technical coordination.	Schedule 1 Part 2	assigned licence, and varying it (if applicable), where:  (a) the licence is of a kind mentioned in an item of Table 1 or table item 2.2.6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1  (b) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person  (c) the ACMA has performed technical coordination.  Considering an application to	tables 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1.	Radiocommunic ations Act for that kind of licence, as specified in the relevant item in Table 1 or table item 2.2.6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1.	Slight change to
70	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.5)	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.	Table 2 (Item 2.2.10)	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, 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.	Hourly rate	ino change	description for clarity.  No change proposed to the charge
71	Apparatus licences – renewals	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 6 (Item 2.6.2)	Considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non-assigned apparatus licence that includes a renewal statement or a	Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.11)	Considering an application under section 129 of the Radiocommunications Act for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non-assigned apparatus licence that includes a	Hourly rate	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.

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			renewal application period statement and renewing it (if applicable). Note: Subsection 129(10) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies the circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.		renewal statement or a renewal application period statement, and renewing it (if applicable).  Note: Subsection 129(10) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.			
72	Permits, certificates or exemptions – provision of IB certificates	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 1 (Item 3.1.1)	Consideration of an application for a provisional international broadcasting certificate made under section 131AE of the Radiocommunications Act, and issuing it if applicable	No change	N/A	\$113.00	No change	N/A
73	Permits, certificates or exemptions – Equipment Rules	Schedule 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.  Considering an application for the issue of a permit which authorises one or more of	No change	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  • for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.	\$1,525.00 for the first application  \$621.00 for subsequent applications	No change	N/A

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			the actions specified in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable): for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.					
74	Permits, certificates or exemptions – Equipment Rules	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.2)	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): for the first application for a permit by a person.  Considering an application for issuing a permit which only authorises the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable): for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.  Note: This fee applies to permits that authorise	No change	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):  • for the first application for a permit by a person  • for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.  Note: This fee applies to permits that authorise only the supply of unlabelled devices.	\$791.00 for the first application  \$565.00 for subsequent applications	No change	N/A

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			only the supply of unlabelled devices.					
75	Permits, certificates or exemptions – Equipment Rules	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.3)	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: for the first application for a permit by a person.  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: for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.	No change	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:  • for the first application for a permit by a person  • for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.	application \$621.00 for subsequent	No change	N/A
76	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 3 (item	Consideration of an application made under clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the Exemption Determination for the	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

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	Exemption Determination or under the Radiocomm- unications Act	3.3.1)	making of a notifiable instrument naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination (whether or not the application is granted).					
77	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination or under the Radiocomm- unications Act	Schedule 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 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.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
78	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 3 (Item 3.3.3)	Considering an application for written permission to be given under subsection 193(1) of the Radiocommunications Act (whether or not the application is granted).	N/A	Hourly rate	New charge relating to the ACMA considering whether to grant a written permission under s193 of the Radiocommunications Act to an IIDF

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	or under the Radiocomm- unications Act							exemption holder to conduct operational/ open air testing.
79	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination or under the Radiocomm- unications Act	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 3 (Item 3.3.4)	Giving written permission (the new permission) under section 193(1) of the Radiocommunications Act to a person where a written permission (the previous permission) has already been given to the same person, and the new permission is given either while the previous permission is still in force, or within 3 months after the previous permission has ceased to be in force.	N/A	Hourly rate	New charge relating to the ACMA considering whether to grant a written permission under s193 of the Radiocommunications Act to an IIDF exemption holder to conduct operational/ open air testing.
80	Permits, certificates or exemptions – amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 4 (item 3.4.1)	Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), an ACMA recognition certificate, except where the applicant has both:  (a) applied for a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence  (b) paid the charge set out in item 3.5.1 of this Schedule.  Note: If the applicant has a written exemption from	No change	Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), an ACMA recognition certificate, except where the applicant has both:  (a) applied for a written exemption from completing an examination under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence  (b) paid the charge set out in table item 3.4.2.  Note: If the applicant has a written exemption from completing an examination under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence, no charge is	\$45.20	No change	Slight change to description for clarity. No change proposed to the charge.

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			completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence, no charge is imposed by this item.		imposed by this table item.			
81	Permits, certificates or exemptions – amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates	Schedule 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.	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 4 (item 3.4.2)	N/A	\$188.35	No change	N/A
82	Permits, certificates or exemptions – amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates	Schedule 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.4)	Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to any of the following kinds of certificates of proficiency: a) Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency b) Short Range Certificate of Proficiency c) Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement.	Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 4 (item 3.4.3)	N/A	\$490.00	No change	Slight change to description for clarity.
83	Spectrum licences	Schedule 1 Part 5 Table 1 (Item	Considering a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

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		5.1.1)	Act, and varying it if applicable.					
84	Spectrum licences	Schedule 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	Processing any information provided about an assignment of all or part of a spectrum licence under section 86 of the Radiocommunications Act to enable the ACMA to update the Register of Radiocommunications Licences under section 146 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.	\$38.00	Hourly rate	Revision of the underlying business process has identified staffing effort as irregular. Therefore, the proposed charge is to be based on effort taken to provide the services applied to the ACMA's current hourly rate of \$226, rather than a fixed rate.
85	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 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
86	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 1 Part 6 Table 1 (item	Satellite filing application  – completion of satellite filing assessment (including all work done after the initial	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

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		6.1.2)	assessment of the application and up to when the ACMA makes a decision on whether or not to file the application with the ITU) – where Australia has not previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant.					
87	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 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 or not 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
88	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 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 under items 6.1.1, 6.1.2 or 6.1.3).	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A
89	Miscellaneous services or	Schedule 1 Part 7	Issuing a duplicate document of any kind or,	No change	N/A	\$38.00	No change	N/A

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	matters – duplicate documents	Table 1 (Item 7.1.1)	if such duplicate document cannot be issued, a letter of confirmation.					
90	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequen- cy assignment and licensing	Schedule 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
91	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequen- cy assignment and licensing	1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item	The provision of technical radiofrequency services, other than:  (a) services requiring field officers  (b) the performance of the ACMA's additional functions under paragraph 11(1)(c) of the ACMA Act  (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
92	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequen- cy assignment and licensing	Schedule 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(b) services to trace the location of an	No change	N/A	Special hourly rate A	No change	N/A

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			emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB).					
93	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequen- cy assignment and licensing	Schedule 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
94	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequen- cy assignment and licensing	Schedule 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
95	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequen- cy assignment and licensing	Schedule 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
96	services or matters – radiofrequen-	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.7)	Investigating the cause of interference to either:  (a) radio or television broadcasting reception  (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	No change	N/A	Special hourly rate A	No change	N/A

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			interference (the complainant) (d) the complainant has the necessary skills or expertise to diagnose the source of the interference.					
97	Miscellaneous services or matters – miscellaneous radiocommun- ications services	Schedule 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
98	Miscellaneous  – charges for miscellaneous radiocommunications services	Schedule 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
99	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	Schedule 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
100	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance	Schedule 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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	of credit accounts							
101	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts		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
102	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	1 Part 7	Annual base maintenance fee – where the account has been established and maintained for only a part of a financial year.	No change		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
103	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item	Providing support services for credit account holders in addition to services	No change	N/A	Hourly Rate	No change	N/A

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	and maintenance of credit accounts	7.4.5)	covered by the annual base maintenance fee.					
104	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 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, other than where another item of this table applies.	No change	N/A	\$30.15	No change	N/A
105	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.2)	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  (b) the applicant's first preference and, if expressed, second preference is for a call sign with either:  (i) the prefix VK1, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by 2 letters  (ii) the prefix VK1, VK2,	No change	N/A	\$41.45	No change	N/A
			VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by 3 letters.					
106	Miscellaneous services or matters – call	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class	No change	N/A	\$52.75	No change	N/A

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	signs	(Item 7.5.3)	Licence for the assignment of a call sign where:  (a) the applicant expresses a preference					
			for at least one call sign b) the applicant's first preference is for a call sign with the prefix VK2, VK3 or VK4, followed by two letters.					
107	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.4)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of either:  (a) a special event call sign  (b) a contest call sign  (c) a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0.	No change	N/A	\$52.75	No change	N/A
108	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (Item 7.5.5)	Assigning a replacement call sign under the Amateur Class Licence.	N/A	\$0.00	New charge to support the call sign arrangement prescribed in the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023.
109	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (New item 7.5.6)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the reassignment of a special event call sign.	N/A	\$34.00	New charge to support the call sign arrangement prescribed in the Radiocommunications

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	Current description	New section	New description	Current charge	New charge	Comments
								(Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023.
110	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (new item 7.5.7)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the reassignment of a contest call sign.	N/A	\$15.00	New charge to support the call sign arrangements prescribed in the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023.
111	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (new item 7.5.8)	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the reassignment of a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0.	N/A	\$34.00	New charge to support the call sign arrangements prescribed in the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023.
112	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	N/A	N/A	Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 5 (new item 7.5.9)	Considering an application that the assignment of a call sign to a person be cancelled and the call sign be assigned to another person.  Note: This may be described as a 'transfer' of the call sign.	N/A	\$15.00	New charge to support the call sign arrangements prescribed in the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023.

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

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason/ Notes
113	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
114	Digital radio multiplex transmitter licences	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

## **Charges under the Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022**

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason/ Notes
115	Nominated carrier declaration charges	Schedule 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
116	Connection permits – labelling certifications	Schedule 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
117	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Schedule 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.	No change	N/A		No change	N/A
			(1) For an application made under Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the numbering plan for allocation of one or more standard units of geographic numbers.			\$57.00		
			(2) For an application made under Part 3 of Chapter 6 of the numbering plan for allocation of one or more geographic numbers.			\$57.00		
			(3) For any other application made under the numbering plan for allocation of a number.			\$0.00		
118	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Schedule 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	Numbers under	Schedule 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	No change	N/A	\$57.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason/ Notes
	Numbering Plan		under section 73 of the numbering plan for the initial allocation of an unassigned unallocated smartnumber, and for EROU-holders to manage their enhanced rights of use.					
120	Facility installation permits – deposit fee	Schedule 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	Facility installation permits- ACMA application Fee	Schedule 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 – deposit for public inquiry	Schedule 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	Facility installation permits – ACMA charges for public inquiry	Schedule 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	Facility installation permits – other expenses for public inquiry	Schedule 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

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason/ Notes
125	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – deposit for protection zone request	Schedule 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
126	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – deposit for revocation and variation request	Schedule 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	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – ACMA fees	Schedule 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	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – external costs	Schedule 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 cabling – protection	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.1	Protection zone installation permit application – charge for the purposes of clause 53 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act, in relation to	No change	N/A	\$5,123.00 (for each submarine	No change	N/A

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason/ Notes
	zone: processing and application permit		considering and processing a protection zone installation permit application.			cable the subject of the application)		
130	Submarine cabling – extension for protection zone permit	Schedule 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	Submarine cabling – non-protection zone: processing and application permit	Schedule 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	Submarine cabling – non-protection zone: deposit	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.4	Non-protection zone installation permit application – deposit payable on account of the charges at item 6.5.	No change	N/A	\$25,000.00	No change	N/A
133	Submarine cabling – non- protection zone: external costs	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.5	, I		N/A	Actual costs	No change	N/A

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason/ Notes
134	Submarine cabling – extension for non-protection zone permit	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

#### Charges under the Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Application) Determination 2022

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

## Charges under the Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017 (with amendments)

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason / Notes
136	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, 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	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, 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	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, 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 commercial radio broadcasting licence.	No change	N/A	\$202.00	No Change	N/A
139	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, 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	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, Schedule 1	Considering and processing an application under clause 7 of Schedule 6 to the	No change	N/A	\$424.00	No change	N/A

Ref	Charge type	Relevant section	Current description	Proposed section	New description	Current charge	Proposed charge	Reason / Notes
		(table item 5)	Broadcasting Services Act for a datacasting licence.					
141	Broadcasting opinions	Part 2, 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	Broadcasting opinions	Part 2, 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, 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	International broadcasting licences	Part 3, Schedule 1 (table item 2)	Considering and processing an application under section 121FA of the Broadcasting Services Act for an international broadcasting licence.	No change	N/A	Hourly rate	No change	N/A

# Appendix B

#### Summary of issues raised in industry consultation — 2024–25 fees CRIS

Re	commendation/Issue	Response		
Co	mmercial Radio and Audio			
•	Concerns about the significant increase to the existing charge for processing an application under section 46 of the Broadcasting Services Act (BSA) from \$202 to \$778.	As part of the 2024–25 fees for service CRIS, the ACMA examined its practices on renewal of commercial broadcasting licences and identified that it has been under-recovering the true cost of this activity.		
•	The impact on over 300 commercial radio broadcasting licences renewable every 5 years, expected to result in additional charges of over \$170,000 for the commercial radio industry over 5 years. This would place an additional cost burden on an industry which is already facing significant challenges.	The matters that the ACMA has regard to include a licensee's compliance and enforcement record with the commercial television or commercial radio code of practice and applicable standards, media control and diversity rules, regional local content requirements and captioning obligations. The proposed increase in cost did not include any increase in		
•	The fee increase would absorb resources which would be better applied to providing content for audiences and that the impact would be even greater for those smaller commercial radio networks in regional and remote Australia.	ACMA staffing effort towards the gazettal process.  Following consultation however, the ACMA has considered the concerns raised by industry on the proposed increased charge and agrees to		
•	That it may be appropriate for the ACMA to review with government the current Gazettal requirements in section 46 of the BSA as CRA does not consider that the Gazette notification serves a useful purpose.	maintain the 2023–24 charge of \$202 at this time. The ACMA will reassess staffing effort and streamline processes where possible and will consult with industry prior to introducing any future increases to this charge.		
•	That the ACMA look at streamlining its processes before passing additional costs to the commercial radio industry.	The ACMA also notes the general concerns raised by industry about section 46 of the BSA and will provide this feedback to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, which has policy responsibility, for consideration.		
Fre	ee TV Australia			
•	Further detail requested from the ACMA on the activities that are costing the ACMA so much to routinely roll over commercial TV broadcasting licences.	Refer ACMA comment above.		

R	ecommendation/Issue	Response
•	The new fee suggested either that ACMA staff were spending several hours considering the merits of each application, or that the sole requirement of section 46 (Gazettal) was incurring significant fees.	
•	Free TV Australia urged the ACMA to review with government the requirements of section 46 of the BSA.	