

**TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS (FEE STRUCTURE)**  
**REGULATIONS 2016**

*(Legal Notice 61 of 2016)*

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**MADE** by the Acting Governor under section 65 of the Telecommunications Ordinance.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Telecommunications (Fee Structure) Regulations 2016, and shall come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, except that the fees in respect of subscriber television and broadcasting shall take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**Interpretation**

2. (1) In these Regulations—

“carrier” means a person who has been granted a licence under the Ordinance to own and operate a telecommunications network;

“fixed public telecommunications network or service” means a network or service that provides users the ability to transmit signals over a distance for the purpose of communications where the end points are fixed;

“full telecommunication network or service” means a network or service that provides users the ability to use all the telecommunication services defined as “telecommunications service” in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“gross revenue” means revenue of reporting year received by, or due to the licensee and its affiliates, from whatever source derived before any deductions for expenses, discounts, returns or offsets of any kind, except domestic interconnection payments;

“internet networks or service” means a network or service that provides users the ability to access the Internet;

“mobile virtual network operator (MVNO)” means a wireless telecommunications network or service provider that does not own the network infrastructure over which the services are provided;

- “private telecommunications network or service” means a network or service for the provision of telecommunications by a person for the exclusive use of that person and not for resale, directly or indirectly;
- “public mobile telecommunications network or service” means a network or service that provides users the ability to communicate with a mobile device;
- “public radio paging network or service” means a network or service that provide users with the ability to send messages to the subscriber over a paging service;
- “quadruple play providers” means the grouping together of four of the telecommunications network and services licences in Schedule 1, except a full telecommunication network or service licence;
- “regulatory fee” means the regulatory fee referred to in section 47 of the Ordinance;
- “special licence” means a licence for the use of spectrum issued to a person who wishes to carry out an experiment in relation to radiocommunications or to cover an emergency or special event;
- “studio to transmitter link (STL)” means a radiocommunications link used for the transmission of broadcast material from a studio to a transmitter;
- “submarine cable” is a cable laid beneath the sea to carry telecommunications;
- “subscriber television” means a business or organisation that uses a telecommunication system for broadcasting and receiving moving pictures and sound over a distance;
- “triple play licence” means the grouping together of three of the telecommunications network and services licences in Schedule 1, except a full telecommunication network or service licence;
- “value added service” means a service added by a person on the network of a telecommunications network or service licensee to provide additional services with separate equipment.

(2) Unless otherwise specified, terms used in these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them under the Ordinance.

### **Application for telecommunications network or service licence**

**3.** A person applying for a telecommunications network or service licence shall pay the appropriate fee specified in Schedule 1, as follows—

- (a) on filing of the application, the non-refundable application fee;
- (b) on grant of the licence, the initial licence fee;
- (c) after the first calendar year, the renewal of licence fee, annually;
- (d) the regulatory fee, annually.

### **Application for spectrum licence**

**4.** A person applying for a spectrum licence shall pay the appropriate fee specified in Schedule 2, as follows—

- (a) on the filing of the application, the non-refundable application fee;
- (b) on grant of the licence, the initial licence fee;
- (c) after the first calendar year, the renewal of licence fee, annually.

### **Application for special licence**

**5.** A person applying for a special licence shall pay the appropriate fee specified in Schedule 3, as follows—

- (a) on the filing of the application, the non-refundable application fee;
- (b) on grant of the licence, the initial licence fee.

### **Miscellaneous fees**

**6.** Any fees not covered under regulation 3, 4 or 5 which may be applicable to a licence shall be paid annually by the licensee in accordance with the fees listed in Schedule 4.

### **Time for payment of fees**

**7.** (1) Any initial fee payable pursuant to these Regulations shall be paid within two weeks of the licensee being informed in writing of the grant of licence.

(2) The renewal of licence fee shall be payable in each year following the grant of the licence.

**Revocation**

8. The Telecommunications (Fee Structure) Regulations 2007 are hereby revoked.

**SCHEDULE 1**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OR SERVICE**

*(Regulation 3)*

<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>	<b>INITIAL FEE (On grant of licence)</b>	<b>RENEWAL OF LICENCE FEE (annually)</b>	<b>REGULATORY FEE (annually)</b>
FTNS	Full Telecommunication Network or Service	\$25,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
FPTNS	Fixed Public Telecommunication Network or Service	\$2,500.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00 of 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
INS-1	Internet Networks or Service	\$2,500.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$25,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
INS-2	Internet Network or Services (>50<500 subscribers)	\$1000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$5,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
INS-3	Internet Network or Services (15<=50 subscribers)	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$1000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater

MVNO	Mobile Virtual Network Operator	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$2,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
PMTNS	Public Mobile Telecommunication Network or Service	\$5,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
PRPNS	Public Radio Paging Network or Service	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$2,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
BTV	Broadcasting Television Station	\$1,000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
SUB	Subscriber Television Nationwide Coverage	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
SUB 2	Subscriber Television Coverage area: A, B or C	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
	Subscriber Television Coverage area: D	\$1,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
BAM	Broadcast AM Radio station (Commercial)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue	1.8% of gross revenue

	Nationwide Coverage			whichever is greater	
BFM	Broadcast FM Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
BAM 2 BFM 2	Broadcast Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage area: A,B or C	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
	Coverage area: D	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$450.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8% of gross revenue
SC-1	Submarine Cable (international)	\$2,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
SC-D	Submarine Cable (domestic)	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$5,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
TPL-3	Triple Play	\$15,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
QUAD-4	Quadruple Play Providers	\$20,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater
VAS	Value Added Services	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is	\$1,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is



				greater	greater
PNS	Private Network or Service	\$1000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
<b>MM</b>	<b>Maritime mobile Licence (per transceiver)</b>				N/A
MMB	Based Station (fixed)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMM	Mobile Station (mobile)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMR	Repeater	\$50.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
MMP	Portable/Handheld	\$50.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
MMFY	Maritime Mobile Radio (Ferry Boats/Charter)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (Fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
<b>MMS</b>	<b>Ship/Cargo Station Licence</b>				N/A
“	Less than 1600 tons	\$150.00/ship	\$150.00/ship	\$150.00/ship	
“	Exceeding 1600 tons	\$300.00/ship	\$300.00/ship	\$300/ship	
<b>LM</b>	<b>Land Mobile Licence</b>				\$1000.00
LMB	Base Station	\$500.00	\$100.00/unit	\$100.00/unit	
LMR	Repeater	\$500.00	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	

LMN	Mobile	\$500.00	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
LMP	Portable/handheld	\$500.00	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
<b>AMA</b>	<b>Aircraft Radio (each aircraft)</b>				N/A
AMA-TC1	Maximum take-off weight (>20,000LBS<60,000LBS)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0
AMA-TC2	Maximum take-off weight (>12,500LBS<20,000LBS)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0
AMA-TC3	Maximum take-off weight (>6,000LBS<12,500LBS)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0
AMA-TC4	Maximum take-off weight (>6,000LBS)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0
AMA-TC5	Transportable Radio Licence	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0
<b>AM</b>	<b>Aeronautical mobile Radio</b>				\$1000.00
AMR	Repeater	\$500.00	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
AMB	Based/fixed	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00/unit	
AMN	Mobile	\$500.00	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
AMP	Portable/handheld	\$500.00	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
<b>AR</b>	<b>Amateur Radio Licence</b>				N/A
ARN	Novice class	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0

ARG	General class	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARA	Advanced class	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARF	Temporary Call-Sign	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
CBR	Citizen Band Radio	\$25.00			\$0

**Coverage area:**

- A Grand Turk and Salt Cay
- B South Caicos, East Caicos and Ambergis Cay
- C Middle Caicos, North Caicos Parrot Cay
- D Providenciales, West Caicos and Pine Cay

Note: AMA=Aircraft Station, TC=Tier Code

**SCHEDULE 2**

*(Regulation 4)*

**SPECTRUM LICENCE**

<b>LICENCE CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>	<b>INITIAL FEE (On grant of licence)</b>	<b>RENEWAL OF LICENCE FEE (annually)</b>
<b>VST</b>	<b>Very Small Aperture Terminal (channel)</b>	\$1000.00		
VST1	Dish <3.8 meter with one 64kbs CH		\$500.00	\$2000.00
VST2	Dish <3.8 Meter with multiple 64kbs CH		\$400.00/channel	\$400.00/channel
<b>CMBL</b>	<b>Cellular Microwave Backhaul links</b>	\$1000.00		
	<28 MHz Bandwidth		\$5,000.00/frequency	\$5,000.00/frequency
	>28 – 56 MHz Bandwidth		\$8,500.00/frequency	\$8,500.00/frequency
	>56 MHz Bandwidth		\$15,000.00/frequency	\$15,000.00/frequency
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (Fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit		

<b>BWA</b>	<b>Broadband Wireless Access</b>	\$1,000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$5000.00/paired	\$5000.00/paired
	5-15 MHz Bandwidth		\$5000.00/paired	\$10,000.00/paired
	15-30 MHz Bandwidth		\$30,000.00/paired	\$30,000.00/paired
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$50,000.00/paired	\$50,000.00/paired
<b>FWA</b>	<b>Fixed Wireless Access (Point to point)</b>	\$1000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
	5-15 MHz Bandwidth		\$800.00/frequency	\$800.00/frequency
	15-30 MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2,000.00/frequency
<b>FWA</b>	<b>Fixed Wireless Access (Multi point to point)</b>	\$1000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$600.00/frequency	\$600.00/frequency
	5-15 MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
	15-30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2500.00/frequency	\$2500.00/frequency

<b>PRP</b>	<b>Public Radio Paging</b>			
PRC	Commercial (25 KHz bandwidth)	\$1000.00	\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
PRN	Non-Commercial (25KHz bandwidth)		\$150.00/frequency	\$150.00/frequency
<b>MTF</b>	<b>Public mobile Telecommunications Frequency</b>			
PMTF1	Cellular 800 MHz	\$1000.00	\$30,000.0/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF2	Cellular 900 MHz	\$1000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF2	Cellular 900 MHz	\$1000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF3	Cellular 1800 MHz	\$1000.00	\$40,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$40,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF4	Cellular 1900 MHz	\$1000.00	\$78,000.00/5MHz (paired)	\$78,000.00/5MHz (paired)
PFMF5a	Cellular 700 MHz Prime	\$1000.00	\$60,000/22MHz (paired)	\$60,000.00/22MHz (paired)
PFMF5b	Cellular 700 MHz Non-Prime	\$1000.00	\$10,000.00/6MHz (paired)	\$10,000.00/6MHz (paired)
<b>LTE</b>	<b>2.5GHz (2500MHz-2690MHz)</b>			
	2500-2570MHz/2620-2690MHz	\$1000.00	\$30,000/20MHz (paired)	\$30,000/20MHz (paired)

	2575MHz-2620MHz	\$1000.00	\$30,000/20MHz (unpaired)	\$30,000/20MHz (unpaired)
<b>SES</b>	<b>Satellite Earth Station</b>			
	<b>SES (&gt;3 meters with multiple channels)</b>	\$1000.00	\$4500.00/Dish	\$4500.00/Dish
<b>LM</b>	<b>Land Mobile</b>			
LMF	<b>Land Mobile radio (12.5 KHz bandwidth)</b>	\$200.00	\$200.00/frequency	\$200.00/frequency
<b>MM</b>	<b>Maritime Mobile</b>			
MMF	Maritime Mobile Radio (12.5 KHz bandwidth)	\$200.00	\$20000/frequency	\$200.00/frequency
MMSR	International/Nation Search and Rescue	Free	Free	Free
<b>AM</b>	Aeronautical Mobile Radio (12.5 KHz bandwidth)	\$200.00	\$200.00/frequency	\$200.00/frequency
<b>BS</b>	<b>Broadcasting Station</b>			
BAM	Broadcast AM Radio station	\$500.00	\$3000.00/frequency	\$3000.00/frequency

BFM-1	Broadcast FM Radio station (<100 Watts)	\$500.00	\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
BFM-2	Broadcast FM Radio station (250W-500 Watts)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/frequency	\$1000.00/frequency
BFM-3	Broadcast FM Radio station (500W-1K Watts)	\$500.00	\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
BTV	Broadcast Television (6 MHz link)	\$1000.00	\$3000.00/frequency	\$3000.00/frequency
STL-1	Television STL Microwave (6MHz link)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/link	\$1000.00/link
STL-2	Radio STL Microwave	\$500.00		
	<(25KHz link)		\$200.00/link	\$200.00/link
	<(25KHz link)		\$500.00/link	\$500.00/link



**SCHEDULE 3**  
**SPECIAL LICENCE**

*(Regulation 5)*

<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>	<b>LICENCE FEE (On grant of licence)</b>
SLE	Emergencies	Free	
SHT	Short term (<30 days)	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
SHT1	Short term (>30<90 days)	\$500.00	\$5,000.00

**SCHEDULE 4**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*(Regulation 6)*

<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>	<b>LICENCE FEE (On grant of licence)</b>
CPE	Customer Premises Equipment Dealers Registration Fee	\$100.00	\$250.00
	Customer Premises Equipment Wiring Registration fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
ROL	Radio Operators licence	\$100.00	\$100.00
TAC	Type Approval Certification	\$500.00	\$500.00
EXM	Examination Fees for Radio Operators	\$30.00	N/A

**MADE** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

**ANYA WILLIAMS  
ACTING GOVERNOR**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations revoke and replace the Telecommunications (Fees Structure) Regulations.