

Draft Cost Recovery Implementation Statement

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Cost Recovery Implementation Statement

In accordance with the Australian Government Charging Framework, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is required to 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 draft 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 draft CRIS includes financial and non-financial information for our activities and contains financial forecasts over the 2026–27 and 3 forward years (to 2029–30) – see Table 7. 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 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sports and the Arts portfolio of the Australian Government. We are Australia’s regulator for telecommunications, broadcasting, radiocommunications, unsolicited communications and certain online content.

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 various allocation methods for the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors
- regulating and enforcing compliance with the relevant legislation, licence conditions, codes of practice, standards, service guarantees and other safeguards
- upholding community safeguards and protections
- promoting and facilitating appropriate 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 need for each activity and the appropriateness of 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, including consideration of the appropriateness of the current level and application of charges, as well as the standard and special hourly rates. The ACMA's current hourly rates have been used to set the charge amounts in this draft CRIS, and no changes to these rates are proposed. Further details are provided in Section 3 of this draft 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
Radiocommunications	Apparatus licences	Community, commercial and national broadcasters
		Individual licensees
		Government entities
		Commercial organisations (mining, construction, communications companies)
	Spectrum licences	Major network operators
		Government entities
		Television broadcasters
	Examinations	Marine radio operators
	Other services	Satellite operators
		Australian search and rescue service
Commercial and community organisations		
Individuals		
Telecommunications		Telecommunications carriers
		Telecommunications carriage service providers

Activity group	Type of service	Key stakeholders
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* (Radiocommunications Act) by the *Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Act 2020*, the Australian Government confirmed the appropriateness of the cost-recovery arrangements for the charging-related activities listed in Appendix A.

2.2 Statutory authority to impose cost-recovery charges

Under section 60 of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* (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, the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Telecommunications Act), 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) Determination 2022 (the 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 (the Telecommunications Determination)	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Application) Determination 2022	Subsection 9(1) of the <i>Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997</i>
Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017 (the Broadcasting Determination)	Subsection 60(1) of the ACMA Act
Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) (Allocation Charge) Determination 2025	Subsection 13(1) of the <i>Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997</i>

Determination	Made under
Telecommunications (Annual Charge) Determination 2025	Subsections 20(1) and 22(2) of the <i>Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997</i>
Telecommunications (Collection of Numbering Charges) Determination 2025	Subsections 468(3) and (4) of the Telecommunications Act

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 of specific assets and occupancy) incurred by the relevant support areas.

Overhead costs are those incurred by the ACMA relating to depreciation of assets of common use and property-related 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

The ACMA's standard hourly rate has been reviewed to reflect its current costs (based on 2024–25 actual costs to the ACMA). As a result of the review, no change is proposed to the current hourly rate of \$239.

The hourly rate of \$239 was established by dividing the ACMA's net cost of service by the total number of productive hours worked by staff providing direct services for the 2024–25 financial year. This includes the attribution of all support and overhead costs. No change is proposed, and the ACMA will maintain the standard hourly rate as set out in the 2025–26 fees for service CRIS, available on the [ACMA website](#).

We have also 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 activities. 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. The hourly rates are specified in section 9 of the Radiocommunications Determination, section 8 of the Telecommunications Determination and section 10 of the Broadcasting Determination.

3.1.2 Additional or special ACMA hourly rates

Special hourly rate A – Radiocommunications field operations and interference investigations

The current special hourly rate A of \$254 has been applied to radiocommunications field operations and interference investigations. No change is proposed to this rate. The special hourly rate was established to reflect the higher operating costs, particularly fixed costs associated with the operation of vehicles fitted with specialised technical equipment. These charges are set out in section 9 and items 7.2.3, 7.2.4 and 7.2.7 of Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Radiocommunications Determination.

4 Cost recovery model

We propose to change some existing description and charges relating to radiocommunications apparatus licences and charges associated with the use of telecommunications numbering system. Further details are provided in sections 5.1 and 5.2 and Appendix A of this CRIS.

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, including:

- current and proposed charges
- relevant descriptions (current and proposed)
- explanations for the change.

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 are reviewed annually as part of the annual fees for service CRIS process. 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 are regular and consistent, a flat charge is applied across those activities. If it is irregular and/or inconsistent, a variable charge based on the actual time taken to deliver the service is applied.

The above methodology has been applied to all the charges outlined in Appendix A. As there has been no change to the ACMA's hourly rates, there are only limited changes to charges. The individual breakdown of the current charge, proposed new charge and the percentage variance is set out 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 allocate or assign access to radiofrequency spectrum through one of 3 types 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 the operation of 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 1–33). The types of services that may operate under the apparatus-licensing regime include mobile broadband, emergency services, amateur repeaters or beacons, 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 (items 5.1.1 and 5.1.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination (see Appendix A, ref 45–46).
- **Class licences:** class licences authorise the operation of radiocommunications devices where coordination of individual transmitters is not required to manage interference risks. Devices that are currently subject to class licensing in Australia include mobile phone handsets, cordless telephones, and a range of other low-power devices, such as wi-fi transmitters, garage door openers and wireless identification tags. Our class-licensing arrangements provide permission for each operator to operate the equipment without the need to obtain an individual licence. Accordingly, class licences are excluded from cost-recovery arrangements.

4.3.1 Charges relating to apparatus licences (see Schedule 1, Part 2, tables 1–2 of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 1–33).

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 1–16 and 18–33).
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.
- **Non-assigned licences** (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.17) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 17).

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 separate 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 18–22) for issuing area-wide licences and (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (items 2.2.7–2.2.8) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 29–30 for varying area-wide licences).

The area-wide licence (AWL) 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.

4.3.2 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 23–33).

Almost all (98%) of 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.

4.3.3 Charges for permits, certificates or exemptions (see Schedule 1 Part 3, tables 1–4 of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 34–44).

- a) International broadcasting certificate** (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 1 (item 3.1.1) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 34).

The charge 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 3.2.1a–3.2.3b) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 35–37).

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 2024 (the Exemption Determination)* or under section 193 of the**

Radiocommunications Act (see Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (items 3.3.1–3.3.4) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 38–41).

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. A named person can, within the limitations of the Exemption Determination, possess, operate and/or supply banned equipment.

Under section 193 of the Radiocommunications Act, the ACMA may issue written permissions that can facilitate operational/open-air testing of banned equipment with Australian Police and prescribed organisations specified in Schedule 3 of the Radiocommunications Regulations 1993. These written permissions are generally only provided to a person in relation to whom a notifiable instrument under the Exemption Determination has been made.

There are charges relating to the ACMA considering an application for a notifiable instrument, or written permission, making a new notifiable instrument or written permission in relation to a current or recent¹ notifiable or written permission holder without application.

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 42).

The ACMA issues the following recognition certificates to suitably qualified candidates under the *Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023* (the Amateur Class Licence):

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

Candidates who have successfully passed a recognised amateur radio examination or undertaken a 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 43).

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

¹ The holder of a previous instrument/permission within 3 months after the previous instrument has ceased to be in force.

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 44).

Marine radio examinations are currently undertaken by a third party approved and delegated by the ACMA, complemented by a deed of agreement with the Commonwealth. The deed includes provisions that any charges set 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.

4.3.4 Charges relating to spectrum licences (see Schedule 1, Part 5, Table 1 (items 5.1.1–5.1.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 45–46).

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

4.3.5 Charges relating to satellite filing and coordination (see Schedule 1, Part 6, Table 1 (items 6.1.1– 6.1.4) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 47–50).

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 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.

4.3.6 Charges relating to miscellaneous services/matters (see Schedule 1 Part 7, tables 1–5) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 51–74).

a) Duplicate documents (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 1 (item 7.1.1) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 51).

These activities relate to charges for issuing duplicate documents, upon request and reflect the relevant staff effort required to deliver them.

b) General radiocommunications services (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (items 7.2.1–7.2.4 and 7.2.7) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 52–55 and 58).

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) Supply of an adjacent service listing or frequency scan report (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (items 7.2.5 and 7.2.6) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 56–57).

These activities relate to charges for supplying an adjacent service listing or frequency scan report on request, and reflect the relevant staff effort required to produce them.

d) Accreditation rules and accredited persons (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 3 (items 7.3.1 to 7.3.2) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 59–60).

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* (the Accreditation Rules).

e) Credit accounts (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (items 7.4.1–7.4.5) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 61–65).

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.

4.3.7 Charges relating to call signs

Amateur radio call signs (see Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (items 7.5.1–7.5.9) of the Radiocommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 66–74).

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. Operators who hold call signs with the prefix VK0 or VK9, special event call signs and contest call signs can apply to have their call sign reassigned to them before expiry. Operators can also apply to 'transfer' their call sign to another amateur operator. The charges are structured to reflect the amount of time it would take us to assess an application and assign, reassign (transfer) 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.

4.3.8 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 75 and 76).

Digital radio services are licensed, planned and operated under the provisions of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and the Radiocommunications Act. The legislation sets the statutory basis for spectrum planning for digital radio, 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 77).

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 78, 82–83 and 84–86).

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 78).
- 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 82–86).

4.4.3 Charges payable to declare, vary or revoke a protection zone (see Schedule 1, Part 5, (items 5.1–5.4) of the Telecommunications Determination and Appendix A, ref 87–90).

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 91–96).

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 79–81).

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*. 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 2025*, 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).

The ACMA will also consult on proposed changes to charges for freephone, local rate, mobile and other number types separately.

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 97).

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 98–102).

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 1992* (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 103–104).

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 Schedule 1, Part 3 (table items 1–2) to the Broadcasting Determination and Appendix A, ref 105–106).

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 Proposed Changes to existing charges

As noted earlier, the ACMA is proposing changes to some radiocommunications and telecommunications charges. These changes will be implemented through amendments to the relevant determinations made under section 60 of the ACMA Act.

5.1 Changes to existing radiocommunications charge

5.1.1 Apparatus licences – renewals (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.1) of the Radiocommunications Determination)

Minor changes to descriptions are proposed to sections 13, 14 and 15 of the Radiocommunications Determination to clarify that administrative charges for instalment payments of certain apparatus licences, including public telecommunications service (PTS) licences, are \$4 per licence. No change to charges is proposed.

Table 3: Proposed changes to the description of existing radiocommunications charges for apparatus licence

No	Charge type	Current description	New description	Current charge	Reason/ notes	Appendix A reference
1	Apparatus licences – renewals	Considering an application under section 129 of the Radio-communications 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	Considering an application under section 129 of the Radio-communications 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	\$4 per licence	Minor change to description for clarity. No change to charges is proposed.	23

Table 3: Proposed changes to the description of existing radiocommunications charges for apparatus licence (continued)

No	Charge type	Current description	New description	Current charge	Reason/ notes	Appendix A reference
1	Apparatus licences – renewals	(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 (d) for a fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) – per spectrum access (e) for an amateur licence (amateur beacon station) or an amateur licence (amateur repeater station) – per licence (f) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) – per spectrum access (g) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence (h) for a space receive licence or defence receive licence – per spectrum access (i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of transmission	(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 licence (d) for a fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) – per licence (e) for an amateur licence (amateur beacon station) or an amateur licence (amateur repeater station) – per licence (f) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) – per licence (g) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence (h) for a space receive licence or defence receive licence – per spectrum access (i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of transmission	\$4 per licence	Minor change to description for clarity. No change to charges is proposed.	23

Table 3: Proposed changes to the description of existing radiocommunications charges for apparatus licence (continued)

No	Charge type	Current description	New description	Current charge	Reason/ notes	Appendix A reference
1	Apparatus licences – renewals	(j) for any other non-assigned licence – per licence. Note: Subsection 129(1) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.	(j) for any other non-assigned licence – per licence. Note: Subsection 129(1) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.	\$4 per licence	Minor change to description for clarity. No change to charges is proposed.	23

5.1.2 Apparatus licences – transfer of a licence (see Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.4) of the Radiocommunications Determination)

The comprehensive review undertaken by the ACMA to assess the requirements of each of its current activities has resulted in revisions to the underlying business processes and the corresponding ACMA staffing effort required to provide the services outlined below.

Table 4: Proposed changes to charges for existing radiocommunications apparatus licence

No	Charge type	Current description	Current charge	New charge	Reason/ notes	Appendix A reference
1	Apparatus licences – transfer of a licence type	Considering an application under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act for the transfer of an apparatus licence, and transferring it (if applicable)	\$100	\$108	The updated charge reflects a slight increase in the processing time to assess licence transfers.	26

5.2 Changes to existing telecommunications charges

There are changes to charges under the *Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022*, which relate to the use of the Numbering System. The Numbering System is operated under contract with ZOAK for the allocation of numbers, registration of carriage service providers and Enhanced Rights of Use applicants under the *Telecommunications Numbering Plan 2025* (the Numbering Plan). These changes are set out in Table 5 below.

The ACMA regularly reviews the fee-setting model to achieve neutral cost recovery consistent with the Charging Framework. Fees are set to recover the cost to the Commonwealth of numbering allocation and administration services provided by the Numbering System. As the Numbering System is automated, for the majority of transactions, does not require manual intervention, a flat charge is applied to all activities (see activities 79 to 81 at Appendix A). This charge is calculated by dividing the total annual cost of services by the total estimated annual number of transactions. The current fee is \$57 per transaction.

The number of transactions processed through the Numbering System has been substantially higher than the forecast volumes on which the current fee levels were based resulting in higher revenue than forecasted. The Australian Government cost recovery policy states that expenses for an activity (the costs involved in providing it) must be aligned with revenue (the income generated through charges for it) on a regular basis (for example, over the activity's business cycle). Consistent with this, the ACMA proposes to reduce the transaction fees to \$10 per transaction. This fee is calculated to achieve cost neutral by the end of the business cycle for this activity, that is, by the end of current Numbering Services contract in August 2027. Arrangements after this date, including the costs of any new contract, may lead to an increase of fees for numbering services after August 2027.

Table 5: Proposed changes to existing telecommunication charges

No	Charge type	Current description	Current charge	New charge	Reason/notes	Appendix A reference
1	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Making an application mentioned in paragraph 457(1)(a) of the Telecommunications Act for the allocation of a number otherwise than in accordance with an allocation system determined under section 463 of the Telecommunications Act. (1) For an application made under Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Numbering Plan for allocation of one or more standard units of geographic numbers.	1) \$57	1) \$10	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the Numbering Services contract.	79

Table 5: Proposed changes to existing telecommunication charges (continued)

No	Charge type	Current description	Current charge	New charge	Reason/notes	Appendix A reference
1	Numbers under Numbering Plan	<p>(2) For an application made under Part 3 of Chapter 6 of the Numbering Plan for allocation of one or more geographic numbers.</p> <p>(3) For any other application made under the Numbering Plan for allocation of a number.</p>	<p>2) \$57</p> <p>3) \$0</p>	<p>2) \$10</p> <p>3) \$0</p>	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the Numbering Services contract.	79
2	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Making an application under subsection 113(1) of the numbering plan for registration of a carriage service provider under section 114 of the Numbering Plan.	\$57	\$10	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the Numbering Services contract.	80
3	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Registering to use the electronic system, made available by the ACMA, for EROU applicants to apply with a registered carriage service provider under section 63 of the Numbering Plan for the initial allocation of an unassigned unallocated smartnumber, and for EROU-holders to manage their enhanced rights of use.	\$57	\$10	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the Numbering Services contract.	81

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 Department of Finance Charging Risk Assessment.

The overall rating given to this cost-recovery arrangement is medium. 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.

7 Stakeholder engagement

To maintain active engagement with stakeholders, we are providing an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the descriptions and charges for existing fees as outlined in this CRIS and Appendix A. Following this consultation, the CRIS will be updated, and approval sought from the Minister for Communications before being published on the ACMA's website.

8 Financial estimates

Table 6 provides the estimated cost-recovery revenue and expenses for the financial years 2026–27 to 2029–30.

Table 6: Estimated cost-recovery revenue and expenses

Charge item	Budget year 2026–27* (\$million)	Forward estimate 1 2027–28 (\$million)	Forward estimate 2 2028–29 (\$million)	Forward estimate 3 2029–30 (\$million)
Radiocommunications charges	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71
Telecommunications charges	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Broadcasting charges	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Total revenue	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87
Total expenses	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

* Estimated 2026–27 financial year costs include changes to the existing radiocommunications and telecommunication charges identified in tables 3, 4 and 5.

Note: Sums may not add due to rounding.

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	2021–22 (\$million)	2022–23 (\$million)	2023–24 (\$million)	2024–25 (\$million)	2025–26* (\$million)
Radiocommunications charges	3.18	2.76	2.09	1.74	1.71
Telecommunications charges	0.12	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.22
Broadcasting charges	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Total revenue	3.33	2.97	2.32	1.99	1.95
Total expenses	3.33	2.97	2.32	1.99	1.95
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

* The 2025–26 financial year amounts are based on year-to-date actuals to 31 January 2026 and estimates until 30 June 2026.

Note: Sums may not add due to rounding.

Revenue and expenses for 2025–26 are primarily driven by radiocommunications charges, which largely relate to the issue, renewal and variation of the following apparatus licences:²

² See the [Radiocommunications Determination](#) for definitions of these terms.

- fixed licences (point-to-point station)
- land mobile systems greater than 30 MHz
- ambulatory system – land mobile
- PMTS Class B-PTS
- area-wide licences.

Telecommunications charge revenue remains relatively stable, while broadcasting revenue primarily relates to the renewal of commercial radio and television broadcasting service licences. Further information on the various ACMA charge types is provided in Appendix A.

8.2 Non-financial performance

We are responsible for regulating telecommunications, broadcasting, radiocommunications and certain 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's activities contribute to Australian consumers having confidence in the content and services available to them.
 - The ACMA's activities enable Australian consumers access to diverse media content and services.

The ACMA's key deliverables for the 2026–27 financial year are expected to be published on our website through the 2026–27 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 2027
Next scheduled portfolio charging review	2025–26

10 CRIS approval and change register

Implementation year	Date	Description	Approved by	Comments
2026–27		Approval of the 2026–27 CRIS	Minister for Communications	
		Certification of the 2026–27 CRIS	ACMA Chair	
	22 April to 19 May 2026	Consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Authority	Changes to the descriptions and charges for the ACMA radiocommunications fees, and a reduction in the ACMA charges for numbers under the numbering plan.
2025–26	31 July 2025	Approval of the 2025–26 CRIS	Minister for Communications	
	9 July 2025	Certification of the 2025–26 CRIS	ACMA Chair	
	4 April to 2 May 2025	Consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Authority	Establishment of a new radio communications charge, changes to the ACMA fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services, and amendments to relevant charges determinations.
2024–25	3 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
2023–24	17 November 2023	Approval of the 2023–24 CRIS	Minister for Communications	

Implementation year	Date	Description	Approved by	Comments
	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 issuing AWRLs
	5 June to 7 July 2023	Consultation on the draft CRIS	ACMA Chair	
2022–23	1 September 2022	Approval of the 2022–23 CRIS	Minister for Communications	Changes to the ACMA fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services and to remake relevant charges determinations
	11 August 2022	Certification of the 2022–23 CRIS	ACMA Chair	
	27 June to 25 July 2022	Consultation for 4 weeks on the draft CRIS		
2016–17	27 March 2017	Changes made to interference investigation activity description in sections 3.1.1 and 3.3.3 of the CRIS and activity 166 of Appendix A of the CRIS	ACMA Authority	Changes to the ACMA fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services to remake relevant charges determinations, which were due to sunset on 1 April 2017
	23 March 2017	Approval of the updated CRIS – version 2	Minister for Communications	
	21 February 2017	Certification of the updated CRIS – version 2	ACMA Chair	
2014–15	2 July 2015	Approval to the addendum 1	Minister for Communications	Changes to fees for telecommunications numbering activities
	24 June 2015	Certification of the addendum 1	ACMA Chair	
	2 October 2014	Approval of the CRIS – version 1	Minister for Communications	
	25 September 2014	Certification of the CRIS – version 1	ACMA Chair	

11 Acronyms and shortened forms

ABC	Activity-based costing
Accreditation Rules	Radiocommunications Accreditation (General) Rules 2021
ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority
ACMA Act	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005</i>
AMC	Australian Maritime College
AWL	area-wide licence
AWRL	area-wide receive licence
Broadcasting Determination	Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017
Broadcasting Services Act	<i>Broadcasting Services Act 1992</i>
CRIS	Cost Recovery Implementation Statement
DRMT	digital radio multiplex transmitter
EPIRB	emergency position indicating radio beacon
EROU	enhanced rights-of-use
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
Numbering Plan	Telecommunications Numbering Plan 2025
Radiocommunications Act	<i>Radiocommunications Act 1992</i>
Radiocommunications Determination	Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning
Telecommunications Determination	Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022
Telecommunications Numbering Charges Act	<i>Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997</i>

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

Charges under the Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
1	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.1)	No change	<p>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.</p> <p>Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences are chargeable.</p>	No change	\$28 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	
2	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.2)	No change	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) amateur licence (amateur beacon station)</p> <p>(b) amateur repeater (amateur repeater station)</p>	No change	\$28 per licence	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>(c) fixed licence (sound outside broadcast station)</p> <p>(d) fixed licence (television outside broadcast network)</p> <p>(e) fixed licence (television outside broadcast system)</p> <p>(f) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned)</p> <p>(g) maritime ship licence (ship station class C assigned).</p> <p>Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences are chargeable.</p>					
3	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.3)	No change	<p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) earth licence (fixed earth station)</p> <p>(b) earth licence (mobile earth station)</p> <p>(c) space licence</p> <p>(d) space receive licence.</p> <p>Note: All frequency assignments associated with transmitter licences, and all frequency</p>	No change	\$120 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				assignments associated with receiver licences, are chargeable.					
4	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.4)	No change	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) amateur licence (amateur beacon station) (b) amateur licence (amateur repeater station).	No change	\$187 per licence	No Change	0%	
5	Charges relating to apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2 Table 1 (item 2.1.5)	No change	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) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned) (b) maritime ship licence (ship station class C assigned).	No change	\$239 per licence	No Change	0%	
6	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1	No change	Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following	No change	\$239 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
		(item 2.1.6)		<p>licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) land mobile licence (ambulatory station), in circumstances where the licensee has already been issued a land mobile licence (ambulatory station) for the same frequency, bandwidth and area or site</p> <p>(b) land mobile licence (paging system – interior paging).</p> <p>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.</p>					
7	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.7)	No change	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) space licence</p> <p>(b) space receive licence.</p>	No change	\$291 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	
8	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2,	No change	Considering an application under section 99 of the	No change	\$498 per licence	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
		Table 1 (item 2.1.8)		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.					
9	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.9)	No change	<p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) fixed licence (900 MHz studio to transmitter link station)</p> <p>(b) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint – land mobile spectrum)</p> <p>(c) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint station)</p> <p>(d) fixed licence (point-to-multipoint system)</p> <p>(e) fixed licence (point-to-point (5.8 GHz band) station)</p> <p>(f) fixed licence (point-to-point (self-coordinated) station)</p> <p>(g) fixed licence (point-to-point station)</p> <p>(h) land mobile licence (ambulatory station), where, in considering the</p>	No change	\$498 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>issue of the licence the ACMA performs coordination procedures to minimise the risk of interference</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(j) land mobile licence (CB repeater station)</p> <p>(k) land mobile licence (land mobile system greater than 30 MHz)</p> <p>(l) land mobile licence (PABX cordless telephone service)</p> <p>(m) land mobile licence (paging system – exterior)</p> <p>(n) maritime coast licence (limited coast assigned system)</p> <p>(o) maritime coast licence (major coast A station)</p> <p>(p) maritime coast licence (major coast B station)</p> <p>(q) major coast receive licence</p> <p>(r) narrowband area service station licence.</p>					
10	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.10)	No change	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	No change	\$510 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) fixed licence (television outside broadcast station) (b) outpost licence (outpost assigned station) (c) radiodetermination (body scan) licence.					
11	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.11)	No change	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) (c) radiodetermination licence (RNSS repeater system).	No change	\$510 per licence	No Change	0%	
12	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.12)	No change	Considering each frequency assignment requested in 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	No change	\$518 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) broadcasting licence (high frequency)</p> <p>(b) land mobile licence (land mobile system 0–30 MHz).</p>					
13	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.13)	No change	<p>Considering an application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act, and issuing it (if applicable), where:</p> <p>(a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person</p> <p>(b) the application is one of a group of 2 or more applications, all of which relate to either:</p> <p>(i) an event with a duration of less than 2 weeks</p> <p>(ii) military or other defence manoeuvres involving simulated wartime operations carried out to train and evaluate personnel that happen for a period of not more than 3 months</p> <p>(c) each application in the group is made on the same day</p> <p>(d) each application in the group is processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure</p> <p>(e) each licence the subject of each</p>	No change	\$530 per licence	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>application is applied for on the basis that the use of the licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) is not to cause interference (ii) will not be afforded protection from interference caused by other services. 					
14	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.14)	No change	<p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) aeronautical licence (aeronautical assigned system station) (b) aircraft licence (aircraft assigned station). 	No change	\$530 per station	No Change	0%	
15	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.15)	No change	<p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) fixed receive licence (b) PTS licence (PMTS Class B) 	No change	\$550 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				(c) radiodetermination licence (d) scientific licence (scientific assigned station).					
16	Apparatus licences – assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.16)	No change	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) (b) earth licence (mobile earth station) (c) earth receive licence.	No change	\$590 per spectrum access	No Change	0%	
17	Apparatus licences – non-assigned licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.17)	No change	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) (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)	No change	\$38	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				(e) maritime ship licence (ship station class B non-assigned) (f) maritime ship licence (ship station class C non-assigned).					
18	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.18)	No Change	Considering an application for the issue of a FSS only area-wide licence and issuing it (if applicable).	No change	\$737	No Change	0%	
19	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.19)	No change	Considering an application for a standard area-wide licence and issuing it (if applicable).	No change	\$896	No Change	0%	
20	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.20)	No change	Considering an application for an area-wide receive licence and issuing it (if applicable).	No change	\$896	No Change	0%	
21	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.21)	No change	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	No change	The amount worked out using the following formula: THR N+1 where: THR (short for total hourly rate), means the amount	No Change	0%	

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				against each other will incur the same additional charge, determined using the hourly rate		worked out by multiplying the hourly rate by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other application against which the first application is assessed. N means the number of applications against which the first application is assessed.			
22	Apparatus licences – area-wide licences	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 1 (item 2.1.22)	No change	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.	No change	The amount worked out using the following formula: THR N+1 where: THR (short	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				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.		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 assessed. N means the number of applications against which the first application is assessed.			
23	Apparatus licences – renewals	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.1)	No change	Considering an application under section 129 of the Radiocommunications Act for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non-assigned apparatus	Considering an application under section 129 of the Radio-communications	\$4	No Change	0%	Minor change to description for clarity. No change to

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>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:</p> <p>(a) for a fixed receive licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of reception</p> <p>(b) for a broadcasting licence for the operation of a broadcast service station – per licence</p> <p>(c) for a fixed licence (point-to-point (self-coordinated) station) – per spectrum access</p> <p>(d) for a fixed licence (point-to-point (5.8 GHz band) station) – per spectrum access</p> <p>(e) for an amateur licence (amateur beacon station) or an amateur licence (amateur repeater station) – per licence</p> <p>(f) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) – per spectrum access</p> <p>(g) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence</p> <p>(h) for a space receive licence or defence receive licence – per spectrum access</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) for a fixed receive licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of reception</p> <p>(b) for a broadcasting licence for the operation of a broadcast service station – per licence</p>				charges is proposed.

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>(i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency assigned for the purpose of transmission</p> <p>(j) for any other non-assigned licence – per licence.</p> <p>Note: Subsection 129(1) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.</p>	<p>(c) for a fixed licence (point to point (self-coordinated) station) – per licence</p> <p>(d) for a fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) – per licence</p> <p>(e) for an amateur licence (amateur beacon station) or an amateur licence (amateur repeater station) – per licence</p> <p>(f) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) – per licence</p> <p>(g) for a PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence</p> <p>(h) for a space receive licence or defence receive licence – per spectrum access</p> <p>(i) for any other assigned licence – for each frequency</p>				

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
					assigned for the purpose of transmission (j) for any other non-assigned licence – per licence. Note: Subsection 129(1) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.				
24	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.2)	No change	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.	No change	\$28 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assigned to which the application relates.	No Change	0%	
25	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.3)	No change	Considering an application to vary, under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act, the conditions of an assigned licence	No change	\$38	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>or non-assigned licence, and varying it (if applicable), where:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(c) the ACMA has not performed any technical coordination.</p>					
26	Apparatus licences – transfer of a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.4)	No change	Considering an application under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act for the transfer of an apparatus licence, and transferring it (if applicable)	No change	\$100	\$108	8%	The updated charge reflects a slight increase in the processing time to assess licence transfers.
27	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.5)	No change	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:	No change	\$120 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the application relates.	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				(a) earth licence (fixed earth station) (b) earth licence (mobile earth station) (c) space licence (d) space receive licence.					
28	Apparatus licences – participation in an allocation	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.6)	No change	Considering an application to participate in the price-based allocation of an HPON licence in accordance with the HPON Determination.	No change	\$498	No Change	0%	
29	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.7)	No change	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).	No change	\$737	No Change	0%	
30	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.8)	No change	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.	No change	\$896	No Change	0%	
31	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.9)	No change	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:	No change	The applicable charge for considering an application	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>(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</p> <p>(b) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person</p> <p>(c) the ACMA has performed technical coordination.</p>		under section 99 of the Radiocommunications 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.			
32	Apparatus licences – varying a licence	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.10)	No change	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.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
33	Apparatus licences – renewals	Schedule 1, Part 2, Table 2 (item 2.2.11)	No change	<p>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 renewal statement or a renewal application period statement and renewing it (if applicable).</p> <p>Note: Subsection 129(10) of the Radiocommunications Act specifies</p>	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				circumstances in which an application for renewal is deemed to have been made.					
34	Permits, certificates or exemptions – provision of IB certificates	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 1 (item 3.1.1)	No change	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	\$120	No Change	0%	
35	Permits, certificates or exemptions – Equipment Rules	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 2 (item 3.2.1a) (item 3.2.1b)	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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	No change	\$1,613 for the first application \$657 for subsequent applications	No Change	0%	
36	Permits, certificates or exemptions – Equipment Rules	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 2 (item 3.2.2a)	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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the first application for a permit by a person 	No change	\$837 for the first application \$598 for subsequent applications	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
		(item 3.2.2b)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind. <p>Note: This fee applies to permits that authorise only the supply of unlabelled devices.</p>					
37	Permits, certificates or exemptions – Equipment Rules	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 2 (item 3.2.3a) (item 3.2.3b)	No change	<p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit (and issuing the permit if applicable) which authorises one or more of the actions mentioned in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c), and the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d), of the Equipment Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	No change	\$1,613 for the first application \$657 for subsequent applications	No Change	0%	
38	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination or under the Radiocommunications Act	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (item 3.3.1)	No change	Consideration of an application made under clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the Exemption Determination for the making of a notifiable instrument naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination (whether or not the application is granted).	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	

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39	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination or under the Radiocommunications Act	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (item 3.3.2)	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
40	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination or under the Radiocommunications Act	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (item 3.3.3)	No change	Considering an application for written permission to be given under subsection 193(1) of the Radiocommunications Act (whether or not the application is granted).	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
41	Permits, certificates or exemptions – applications under the Exemption Determination or under the Radiocommunications Act	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 3 (item 3.3.4)	No change	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	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				permission has ceased to be in force.					
42	Permits, certificates or exemptions – amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 4 (item 3.4.1)	No change	<p>Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), an ACMA recognition certificate, except where the applicant has both:</p> <p>(a) applied for a written exemption from completing an examination under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence</p> <p>(b) paid the charge set out in table item 3.4.2.</p> <p>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 imposed by this table item.</p>	No change	\$48	No Change	0%	
43	Permits, certificates or exemptions – amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 4 (item 3.4.2)	No change	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.	No change	\$199	No Change	0%	
44	Permits, certificates or exemptions –amateur and marine radio examinations and certificates	Schedule 1, Part 3, Table 4 (item 3.4.3)	No change	<p>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:</p> <p>a) Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency</p>	No change	\$518	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				b) Short Range Certificate of Proficiency c) Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement.					
45	Spectrum licences	Schedule 1, Part 5, Table 1 (item 5.1.1)	No change	Considering a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications Act and varying it if applicable.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
46	Spectrum licences	Schedule 1, Part 5, Table 1 (item 5.1.2)	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.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
47	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 1, Part 6, Table 1 (item 6.1.1)	No change	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	\$1,195	No Change	0%	

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48	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 1, Part 6, Table 1 (item 6.1.2)	No change	Satellite filing application – completion of satellite filing assessment (including all work done after the initial assessment of the application and up to when the ACMA makes a decision on whether or not to file the application with the ITU) – where Australia has not previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
49	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 1, Part 6, Table 1 (item 6.1.3)	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
50	Satellite filing and coordination	Schedule 1, Part 6, Table 1 (item 6.1.4)	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
51	Miscellaneous services or matters – duplicate documents	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 1	No change	Issuing a duplicate document of any kind or, if such duplicate document cannot be issued, a letter of confirmation.	No change	\$40	No Change	0%	

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		(item 7.1.1)							
52	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency assignment and licensing	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.1)	No change	The provision of radiofrequency assignment and licensing services, including the issuing of licences not otherwise specified in this instrument.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
53	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency assignment and licensing	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.2)	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
54	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency assignment and licensing	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.3)	No change	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 emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB).	No change	Special hourly rate A	No Change	0%	
55	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2	No change	The provision of technical radiofrequency services to trace the location of an emergency	No change	Special hourly rate A	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
	assignment and licensing	(item 7.2.4)		position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB).					
56	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency assignment and licensing	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.5)	No change	Supply of an adjacent services listing.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
57	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency assignment and licensing	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.6)	No change	Supply of a frequency scan report	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
58	Miscellaneous services or matters – radiofrequency assignment and licensing	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 2 (item 7.2.7)	No change	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 interference (the complainant) (d) the complainant has the necessary skills or expertise to diagnose the source of the interference.	No change	Special hourly rate A	No Change	0%	
59	Miscellaneous services or matters – miscellaneous	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 3	No change	Assessing an application for a general licensing accreditation under the Accreditation Rules, and	No change	\$578	No Change	0%	

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	radiocommunications services	(item 7.3.1)		giving the accreditation if applicable.					
60	Miscellaneous—charges for miscellaneous radiocommunications services	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 3 (item 7.3.2)	No change	Assessing an application for a specific licensing accreditation under the Accreditation Rules, and giving the accreditation if applicable.	No change	\$303	No Change	0%	
61	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (item 7.4.1)	No change	Considering the establishment of a credit account without proceeding to establish the account.	No change	\$171	No Change	0%	
62	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (item 7.4.2)	No change	Establishment of a credit account.	No change	\$301	No Change	0%	
63	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (item 7.4.3)	No change	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	\$756	No Change	0%	
64	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (item 7.4.4)	No change	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	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
						account is maintained – the proportion of \$756 equal to the proportion of the financial year for which the credit account is maintained, rounded in accordance with section 16			
65	Miscellaneous services or matters – establishment and maintenance of credit accounts	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 4 (item 7.4.5)	No change	Providing support services for credit account holders in addition to services covered by the annual base maintenance fee.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
66	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.1)	No change	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	\$32	No Change	0%	
67	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.2)	No change	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign, where: (a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign	No change	\$44	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
				<p>(b) the applicant's first preference and, if expressed, second preference is for a call sign with either:</p> <p>(i) the prefix VK1, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by two letters</p> <p>(ii) the prefix VK1, VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by 3 letters.</p>					
68	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.3)	No change	<p>Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where:</p> <p>(a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign</p> <p>(b) the applicant's first preference is for a call sign with the prefix VK2, VK3 or VK4, followed by 2 letters.</p>	No change	\$56	No Change	0%	
69	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.4)	No change	<p>Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of either:</p> <p>(a) a special event call sign</p> <p>(b) a contest call sign</p> <p>(c) a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0.</p>	No change	\$56	No Change	0%	
70	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.5)	No change	Assigning a replacement call sign under the Amateur Class Licence.	No change	\$0	No Change	0%	

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71	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.6)	No change	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the re-assignment of a special event call sign.	No change	\$36	No Change	0%	
72	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.7)	No change	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the re-assignment of a contest call sign.	No change	\$16	No Change	0%	
73	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.8)	No change	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the re-assignment of a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0.	No change	\$36	No Change	0%	
74	Miscellaneous services or matters – call signs	Schedule 1, Part 7, Table 5 (item 7.5.9)	No change	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.	No change	\$16	No Change	0%	

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

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
75	Digital radio multiplex transmitter licences	Section 6	No change	Amount of application fee – foundation category 1 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence.	No change	\$1,195	No Change	0%	
76	Digital radio multiplex transmitter licences	Section 7	No change	Amount of application fee – foundation category 2 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence.	No change	\$1,195	No Change	0%	

Charges under the Telecommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
77	Nominated carrier declaration charges	Schedule 1, Part 1, item 1.1	No change	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	\$2,365	No Change	0%	
78	Connection permits –labelling certifications	Schedule 1, Part 7, item 7.1	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
79	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Schedule 1, Part 2, item 2.1	No change	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) For an application made under Part 3 of Chapter 6 of the Numbering Plan for allocation of one or more geographic numbers.</p> <p>(3) For any other application made under the Numbering Plan for allocation of a number.</p>	No change	1) \$57 2) \$57 3) \$0	1) \$10 2) \$10 3) \$0	(82%)	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the Numbering Services contract.
80	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Schedule 1, Part 2, item 2.2	No change	Making an application under subsection 113(1) of the Numbering Plan for registration of a carriage service provider under section 114 of the Numbering Plan.	No change	\$57	\$10	(82%)	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the

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									Numbering Services contract.
81	Numbers under Numbering Plan	Schedule 1, Part 2, item 2.3	No change	Registering to use the electronic system, made available by the ACMA, for EROU applicants to apply with a registered carriage service provider under section 63 of the Numbering Plan for the initial allocation of an unassigned unallocated smartnumber, and for EROU-holders to manage their enhanced rights of use.	No change	\$57	\$10	(82%)	The decrease is required to address higher than expected revenue under the Numbering Services contract.
82	Facility installation permits – deposit fee	Schedule 1, Part 3, item 3.1	No change	Deposit to accompany a facility installation permit application.	No change	\$9,632	No Change	0%	
83	Facility installation permits – ACMA application fee	Schedule 1, Part 3, item 3.2	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
84	Facility installation permits – deposit for public inquiry	Schedule 1, Part 4, item 4.1	No change	Deposit payable on account of the expenses to be incurred by ACMA for the holding of a public inquiry.	No change	\$60,686	No Change	0%	
85	Facility installation permits – ACMA charges for public inquiry	Schedule 1, Part 4, item 4.2	No change	Activities of ACMA official in relation to the holding of a public inquiry.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
86	Facility installation permits – other expenses for public inquiry	Schedule 1, Part 4, item 4.3	No change	Any other expenses incurred by the ACMA not included in item 4.2 in relation to the holding of a public inquiry.	No change	Actual costs	No Change	0%	
87	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – deposit for	Schedule 1, Part 5, item 5.1	No change	Deposit payable on account of the expenses to be incurred by the ACMA in relation to a protection zone (declaration) request.	No change	\$170,527	No Change	0%	

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	protection zone request								
88	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – deposit for revocation and variation request	Schedule 1, Part 5, item 5.2	No change	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	\$144,117	No Change	0%	
89	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – ACMA fees	Schedule 1, Part 5, item 5.3	No change	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	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
90	Declare, vary or revoke a protection zone – external costs	Schedule 1, Part 5, item 5.4	No change	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	Actual costs	No Change	0%	
91	Submarine cabling – protection zone: processing and application permit	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.1	No change	Protection zone installation permit application – charge for the purposes of clause 53 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act, in relation to considering and processing a protection zone installation permit application.	No change	\$5,417 (for each submarine cable the subject of the application)	No Change	0%	
92	Submarine cabling – extension for protection zone permit	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.2	No change	Protection zone installation permit – considering and processing an application under clause 61 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act to	No change	\$1,474	No Change	0%	

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				extend the duration of a protection zone installation permit.					
93	Submarine cabling – non-protection zone: processing and application permit	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.3	No change	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	\$6,294 (for each submarine cable the subject of the application)	No Change	0%	
94	Submarine cabling – non-protection zone: deposit	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.4	No change	Non-protection zone installation permit application – deposit payable on account of the charges at item 6.5.	No change	\$25,000	No Change	0%	
95	Submarine cabling – non-protection zone: external costs	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.5	No change	Non-protection zone installation permit application – charge for the purposes of clause 66 of Schedule 3A to the Telecommunications Act, in relation to external costs for the use of external consultants in considering a non-protection zone installation permit application or a linked non-protection zone installation permit application.	No change	Actual costs	No Change	0%	
96	Submarine cabling – extension for non-protection zone permit	Schedule 1, Part 6, item 6.6	No change	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	\$1,474	No Change	0%	

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

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
97	Carrier licence application charge	Section 4	No change	Charge imposed on an application for a carrier licence.	No change	\$2,862	No Change	0%	

Charges under the Broadcasting (Charges) Determination 2017

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
98	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, Schedule 1 (table item 1)	No change	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	\$2,948	No Change	0%	
99	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, Schedule 1 (table item 2)	No change	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	\$476	No Change	0%	
100	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, Schedule 1 (table item 3)	No change	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	\$213	No Change	0%	
101	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, Schedule 1 (table item 4)	No change	Considering and processing an application under section 96 of the Broadcasting Services Act for a subscription television broadcasting licence.	No change	\$249	No Change	0%	
102	Broadcasting licences	Part 1, Schedule 1 (table item 5)	No change	Considering and processing an application under clause 7 of Schedule 6 to the Broadcasting Services Act for a datacasting licence.	No change	\$448	No Change	0%	
103	Broadcasting opinions	Part 2, Schedule 1 (table item 1)	No change	Preparing and giving an opinion on application under section 21 of the Broadcasting Services Act.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	

Ref	Charge activity	Refer to	New reference	Current description	New description	Current charge	New charge	Variance %	Comments
104	Broadcasting opinions	Part 2, Schedule 1 (table item 2)	No change	Preparing and giving an opinion on application under section 74 of the Broadcasting Services Act.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	
105	International broadcasting licences	Part 3 of Schedule 1 (Table item 1)	No change	Deposit to accompany an application under section 121FA of the Broadcasting Services Act for an international broadcasting licence.	No change	\$4,500	No Change	0%	
106	International broadcasting licences	Part 3 of Schedule 1 (Table item 2)	No change	Considering and processing an application under section 121FA of the Broadcasting Services Act for an international broadcasting licence.	No change	Hourly rate	No Change	0%	