



Statutory Rules 1981 No. 184¹

Wireless Telegraphy Regulations² **(Amendment)**

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Wireless Telegraphy Act* 1905.

Dated 1 July 1981.

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

IAN SINCLAIR
Minister of State for Communications

Interpretation

1. Regulation 3 of the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations is amended—

(a) by inserting after the definition of “authorized station” in sub-regulation (1) the following definitions:

“ ‘base station’ means a station on land established for the purpose of communicating with land mobile stations and harbour mobile stations;

‘coast station’ means a station on land established for the purpose of communicating with ship stations at sea and aircraft stations, being a station an important function of which is the transmission and reception of messages on behalf of the public;

‘disaster station’ means a station having the function of providing a radiocommunications service in connection with natural disasters and civil defence activities;

‘earth station’ means a station located on the surface of the earth or within the major portion of the earth’s atmosphere that is established for the purpose of communicating with—

- (a) 1 or more other earth stations by means of 1 or more satellites or other objects in space; or
- (b) 1 or more space stations;

‘earth station, Class A’ means an earth station capable of carrying not more than 1 voice channel;

‘earth station, Class B’ means an earth station capable of carrying more than 1 but not more than 12 voice channels;

‘earth station, Class C’ means an earth station, other than an earth station, Class A or an earth station, Class B, capable of utilizing not more than 1 satellite transponder;

‘earth station, Class D’ means an earth station capable of utilizing more than 1 but not more than 2 satellite transponders;

‘earth station, Class E’ means an earth station capable of utilizing more than 2 satellite transponders;

‘exterior paging station’ means a station on land established for the purpose of providing a paging service but does not include an interior paging station or a station that provides a paging service that is incidental to the operation of another station;

‘fixed station’ means a station on land established for the purpose of communicating between fixed points but does not include an earth station, a fixed outpost station or a fixed receiving station;”;

- (b) by omitting “, for use by a Commonwealth authority” from the definition of “fixed station, Class A” in sub-regulation (1);
- (c) by omitting “, for use by a Commonwealth authority” from the definition of “fixed station, Class B” in sub-regulation (1); and
- (d) by inserting after the definition of “licensee” in sub-regulation (1) the following definition:

“ ‘limited coast station’ means a station on land established for the purpose of communicating with ship stations at sea but does not include a coast station or a marine rescue station;”.

Licences

2. Regulation 5 of the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-regulation (2) of this regulation” and substituting “sub-regulations (2) and (3)”;

- (b) by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “the last two preceding sub-regulations” and substituting “these Regulations”; and
- (c) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulation:
 - “(3) A licence, in accordance with such form as the Minister determines, may be granted in respect of a station that is an exterior paging station.”.

Licence fees

3. Regulation 7 of the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations is amended—

- (a) by omitting sub-regulation (1) and substituting the following sub-regulations:

“(1) Subject to this regulation, a fee is payable in respect of the grant or renewal of a licence included in a class of licence specified in column 2 of an item in the Schedule and is calculated by reference to the period in respect of which the licence is granted or renewed at the rate specified in column 3 of that item.

“(1AA) Where—

- (a) a licence is granted or renewed for a period of less than 1 year; and
- (b) the fee payable would, but for this sub-regulation, be less than \$15,

then,

- (c) in the case of a licence in respect of which a fee is payable at a rate per year in excess of \$15—a fee of \$15 is payable; and
- (d) in any other case—a fee is payable of an amount equal to the amount that would be payable if the licence were for a period of 1 year.

“(1AB) A fee calculated in accordance with sub-regulation (1AC) is payable in respect of the grant or renewal of a licence for an exterior paging station.

“(1AC) The fee referred to in sub-regulation (1AB) is an amount equal to the aggregate of—

- (a) an amount calculated at the rate of \$56 per annum in respect of the period of the licence; and
- (b) an amount calculated at the rate of \$12 per annum in respect of the period of the licence in respect of each paging receiver used in connection with that station.”; and

(b) by omitting from sub-regulation (1A) “the last preceding sub-regulation” and substituting “the preceding sub-regulations”.

Schedule

4. The Schedule to the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations is repealed and the following Schedule substituted:

| SCHEDULE | | Sub-regulations 5 (1) and 7 (1) |
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| CLASSES OF LICENCES AND FEES PAYABLE FOR LICENCES | | |
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Item | Class of licence | Rate per year of fee |
| | | \$ |
| 1 | Aeronautical station, private | 30 |
| 2 | Aeronautical station, not included in item 1 | 60 |
| 3 | Aircraft station, private | 23 |
| 4 | Aircraft station, not included in item 3, installed on an aircraft— (a) having 38 or more passenger seats; or (b) having a maximum take-off weight of 19 tonnes or more | 90 |
| 5 | Aircraft station, not otherwise referred to | 36 |
| 6 | Amateur station | 17 |
| 7 | Base station, private | 30 |
| 8 | Base station, not included in item 7 | 56 |
| 9 | Citizen band radio station, private | 22 |
| 10 | Citizen band radio station, not included in item 9 | 44 |
| 11 | Coast station | 10,000 |
| 12 | Disaster station | 22 |
| 13 | Earth station, private | 30 |
| 14 | Earth station, Class A, not included in item 13 | 200 |
| 15 | Earth station, Class B, not included in item 13 | 1,000 |
| 16 | Earth station, Class C, not included in item 13 | 5,000 |
| 17 | Earth station, Class D, not included in item 13 | 10,000 |
| 18 | Earth station, Class E, not included in item 13 | 47,000 |
| 19 | Experimental station | 33 |
| 20 | Fixed outpost station | 3 |
| 21 | Fixed receiving station | 12 |
| 22 | Fixed station, Class A, private | 36 |
| 23 | Fixed station, Class A, not included in item 22 | 150 |
| 24 | Fixed station, Class B, private | 36 |
| 25 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying not more than 24 voice channels | 200 |
| 26 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 24 but not more than 60 voice channels | 300 |
| 27 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 60 but not more than 300 voice channels | 500 |
| 28 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 300 but not more than 960 voice channels | 1,000 |
| 29 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 960 but not more than 1800 voice channels | 1,700 |
| 30 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 1800 but not more than 2700 voice channels | 2,500 |
| 31 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 2700 but not more than 10 000 voice channels | 5,200 |
| 32 | Fixed station, Class B, not included in item 24, capable of carrying more than 10 000 voice channels | 10,000 |
| 33 | Handphone station, private | 22 |

SCHEDULE—continued

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
|----------|---|----------------------|
| Item | Class of licence | Rate per year of fee |
| | | \$ |
| 34 | Handphone station, not included in item 33 | 27 |
| 35 | Harbour mobile station, private | 15 |
| 36 | Harbour mobile station, not included in item 35. | 36 |
| 37 | Interior paging station | 60 |
| 38 | Land mobile station, private | 22 |
| 39 | Land mobile station, not included in item 38. | 36 |
| 40 | Land mobile paging receiver station, not forming part of an exterior paging service | 12 |
| 41 | Limited coast station, private | 25 |
| 42 | Limited coast station, not included in item 41 | 56 |
| 43 | Marine rescue station | 3 |
| 44 | Mobile outpost station | 3 |
| 45 | Novice amateur station | 14 |
| 46 | Radiodetermination station | 72 |
| 47 | Radio-linked microphone service | 20 |
| 48 | Ship station, private | 20 |
| 49 | Ship station, installed on a ship equipped in accordance with the Navigation (Radio) Regulations, not included in item 48 | 150 |
| 50 | Ship station, not otherwise referred to | 32 |

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 1 July 1981.
2. Statutory Rules 1942 No. 348 as amended by 1945 No. 185; 1947 No. 129; 1951 No. 19; 1954 No. 50; 1955 No. 1; 1958 No. 54; 1959 No. 65; 1967 Nos 110 and 170; 1972 No. 206; 1974 No. 173; 1975 No. 64; 1976 No. 222; 1977 No. 165; 1978 No. 25; 1979 Nos 29 and 106; 1980 No. 188; 1981 No. 139; Act No. 85 of 1970.