

Radiocommunications (Scientific Licence – Licence Conditions and Licence Tax) Amendment Determination 2017 (No. 1)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority makes the following Amendment under subsection 7(1) of the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983* and under paragraph 107(1)(f) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

Dated: 20 November 2017

Nerida O’Loughlin  
[signed]  
Member

James Cameron  
[signed]  
Member/~~General Manager~~

Australian Communications and Media Authority

1 Name

This is the *Radiocommunications (Scientific Licence – Licence Conditions and Licence Tax) Amendment Determination 2017 (No. 1).*

2 Commencement

This instrument commences at the start of the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Note: The Federal Register of Legislation may be accessed at https://[www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au).

3 Authority

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4 Amendments

The instruments that are specified in the Schedule are amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule.

**Schedule 1 -** Amendments

(section 4)

Amendment to the Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Scientific Licence) Determination 2015 (Registration No. F2015L01284)

**[1] Subsection 7(1)**

*omit* ”(1)”

**[2] Subsection 7(2)**

*omit*

Amendments to the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Determination 2015 (Registration No. F2016C00080)

[3] Schedule 2, Item 201, paragraph (1)®

*omit*

[4] Schedule 2, after Item 204

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**Part 2A — Scientific licences**

**205 Licences**

This Part applies to licences authorising scientific assigned stations.

**206 Annual amount of tax for spectrum access**

Subject to items 206A and 207, the amount of tax in respect of each spectrum access under the licence is the amount specified in Table 206 for the frequency range and area density type applicable to the spectrum access, multiplied by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

**206A Licences authorising multiple scientific assigned stations**

Where a licence authorises multiple scientific assigned stations, then the amount of tax payable is the sum of the amounts calculated in accordance with item 206 divided by the number of stations authorised by the licence.

***Table 206***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Frequency range** | **Amount ($)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | *Area density* |  |  |  |  |
|  | *Australia wide* | *High density* | *Medium density* | *Low density* | *Remote density* |
| MHz |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0–30 | 0.1164 | 0.1164 | 0.1164 | 0.1164 | 0.1164 |
| >30–70 | 0.263 | 0.1027 | 0.0546 | 0.0118 | 0.0059 |
| >70–399.9 | 0.2698 | 0.1107 | 0.0507 | 0.0114 | 0.0057 |
| >399.9–403 | 0.2698 | 0.1511 | 0.0691 | 0.0118 | 0.0059 |
| >403–520 | 0.2698 | 0.2000 | 0.0691 | 0.0118 | 0 |
| >520–960 | 0.2698 | 0.1511 | 0.0691 | 0.0118 | 0.0059 |
| >960–2 690 | 0.2694 | 0.0605 | 0.028 | 0.0141 | 0.007 |
| GHz |  |  |  |  |  |
| >2.69–5.0 | 0.2691 | 0.05 | 0.0203 | 0.0168 | 0.0084 |
| >5.0–8.5 | 0.2272 | 0.042 | 0.0196 | 0.0089 | 0.0043 |
| >8.5–14.5 | 0.1001 | 0.0360 | 0.0085 | 0.0006 | 0.0003 |
| >14.5–31.3 | 0.1001 | 0.0267 | 0.0059 | 0.0006 | 0.0003 |
| >31.3–51.4 | 0.0273 | 0.0145 | 0.0032 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 |
| >51.4 | 0.0027 | 0.0003 | 0.0003 | 0 | 0 |

Note:   Schedule 1 sets out the area density types of spectrum accesses.

**207 Low power spectrum access**

The amount of tax in respect of a low power spectrum access is the amount worked out under item 206 for the spectrum access, divided by 10.

**208 Minimum annual amount**

If the amount of tax worked out in respect of a spectrum access using items 206, 206A or 207 is less than the minimum annual amount, the amount of tax is taken to be the minimum annual amount.