

Broadcasting Services (Licensing and Content) (Amendment)
Regulations, 2020 (No. 5)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services has, in terms of section 46 of the Broadcasting Services Act [*Chapter 12:06*], approved the following regulations made by the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe Board:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Broadcasting Services (Licensing and Content) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 5) and shall have effect from 1st November, 2020.

2. The principal regulations are amended by insertion of the following section after section 12B—

“Additional categories of broadcasting service

12C. In addition to the classes of broadcasting service that a licensee may be permitted to provide in terms of section 7 of the Act, a broadcasting licence may authorise the licensee to provide a Provincial Commercial Radio Broadcasting Service.”.

3. The principal regulations are amended by the repeal of the Second Schedule and the substitution of the following—

“SECOND SCHEDULE (*Section 4*)

FEES FOR LICENCES

Free to Air National Radio Broadcasting Service

(a) Application fee/Renewal fee	\$205 000,00 (non-refundable)
(b) Application fee public inquiry	\$615 000,00 (non-refundable)
(c) Basic licence fee for ten years	\$1 640 000,00, <i>per annum</i>
(d) Annual licence fee	2% annual gross turnover turnover payable monthly or deemed for the licence period
(e) Frequency fee	\$3 280,00, per frequency per site per month
(f) Broadcasting fund	A contribution of 0.5% of the audited annual gross turnover or deemed turnover payable annually

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Provincial commercial radio broadcasting service

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee \$205 000,00(non-refundable)
- (b) Application fee public inquiry \$615 000,00(non-refundable)
- (c) Basic licence fee for ten years \$574 000, *per annum*
- (d) Annual licence fees 2% annual gross turnover or
deemed turnover payable
monthly
- (e) Frequency fee \$3 280,00, per frequency per
month
- (f) Broadcasting fund a contribution of 0.5% of the
audited annual subscription
turnover or deemed turnover

Local commercial radio broadcasting service (expanded)

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee \$205 000,00(non-refundable)
- (b) Application fee public inquiry \$615 000,00(non-refundable)
- (c) Basic licence fee for ten years \$492 000,00, *per annum*
- (d) Annual licence fee 2% annual gross turnover or
deemed turnover payable
monthly
- (e) Frequency fee \$3 280,00, per frequency per
month
- (f) Broadcasting fund a contribution of 0.5% of
the audited annual
subscription turnover or
deemed turnover

Local commercial radio broadcasting service

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee \$205 000,00(non-refundable)
- (b) Application fee public inquiry \$615 000,00(non-refundable)
- (c) Basic licence fee for ten years \$410 000,00, *per annum*
- (d) Annual licence fee 2% annual gross turnover or
deemed turnover payable
monthly
- (e) Frequency fee \$3 280,00, per frequency per
month
- (f) Broadcasting fund a contribution of 0.5% of the
audited annual subscription
turnover or deemed turnover

Free to air campus radio broadcasting service

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee \$102 500,00(non-refundable)
- (b) Basic licence fee for ten years \$205 000,00, *per annum*
- (c) Monthly frequency fee \$3 280,00, per frequency per
month

Community radio broadcasting service

- (a) Application fee \$41 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (b) Basic licence fee for ten years \$82 000,00, *per annum*
- (c) Monthly frequency fee \$3 280,00, per frequency per month

Free to air national television broadcasting service

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee \$205 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (b) Application fee public inquiry \$615 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (c) Basic licence fee for ten years \$2 870 000,00, *per annum*
- (d) Annual licence fee 2% annual gross turnover or deemed turnover per annum payable monthly for the licence period
- (e) Frequency fee—
 - (i) Analogue \$8 200,00, per frequency per site, per month
 - (ii) Digital \$3 280,00, per frequency per site per month
- (f) Broadcasting fund A contribution of 0.5% of the audited annual gross turnover or deemed turnover payable annually

Signal carrier licence

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee \$205 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (b) Annual basic licence fee for twenty years —
 - (i) Core business \$6 150 000,00, *per annum*
 - (ii) Ancillary service—
 - A. Core broadcasting platform \$820 000,00, *per annum*
 - B. Non-core broadcasting \$4 920 000,00, *per annum*
- (c) Regulatory administration fee per site \$4 100,00, per transmitter *per annum*
- (d) Broadcasting fund A contribution of 0.5% of the audited annual gross turnover or deemed turnover payable annually

Subscription satellite broadcasting services

- (a) Application fee initial/Renewal fee \$205 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (b) Application ee Public Inquiry \$615 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (c) Basic Licence fee for ten years \$6 150 000,00, *per annum* in the case of a Broadcaster who

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- receives subscriptions in local
currency OR US\$75 000,00,
per annum in the case of a
Broadcaster who receives
subscription in foreign
currency
- (d) Annual licence fee 2% monthly subscription
turnover or deemed turnover
payable monthly in the
currency the subscription
is collected
- (e) Broadcasting fund a contribution of \$4 100 000,00,
OR US\$50 000,00, payable
in the currency the
subscription is collected

Content distribution service

- (a) Application fee/renewal fee \$205 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (b) Basic licence fee for ten years \$8 200 000,00, *per annum*
in the case of a Broadcaster
who receive subscriptions
in local currency OR
US\$100 000,00, *per annum*
in the case of a Broadcaster
who receives subscription
in foreign currency
- (c) Annual licence fee 2% monthly subscription
turnover or deemed turnover
payable monthly in the
currency the subscription is
collected
- (d) Broadcasting fund a contribution of \$4 100 000,00,
OR US\$50 000,00, payable
in the currency the
subscription is collected

Satellite uplink

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fees US\$2 500,00, for foreign
service or its equivalent
for local service
- (b) Basic licence fee for ten years—
- (i) Commercial –
- A. *per annum* US\$25 000,00, for foreign
service or its equivalent for
local up linking
- annual licence fee 2% annual gross turnover
or deemed turn over payable
monthly for the licence period

- B. per day per per uplink provided US\$500,00, for foreign link or its equivalent for local link
- (ii) Local link per month \$164 000,00
- (iii) Foreign link *per annum* (own use) US\$25 000,00

Temporary satellite uplink

- (a) Application fee/Renewal fee US\$300,00, for foreign service or its equivalent for local service
- (b) Licence fee—
- (i) Mobile or transportable (strictly for own feed)—
- per month US\$10 000,00 in the case of a person supplying foreign services or its or its equivalent in the case of supplying a person local services
- per day US\$1 500,00 in the case of a person supplying foreign services or its equivalent in the case of a person supplying local services
- (ii) Portable electronic news gathering (strictly for own feed)—
- per month US\$6 000,00
- per day US\$750,00
- (iii) Commercial US\$1 500,00, per day plus US\$500,00, per uplink service provided
- (iv) Distribution/Programme exchange—
- Arrangement per day US\$50 000,00

Subscription cable broadcasting

- (a) Application fee initial \$205 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (b) Application fee public inquiry \$615 000,00 (non-refundable)
- (c) Basic licence fee for ten years—
- National \$6 150 000,00, *per annum* in the case of a Broadcaster who receives subscription in local currency OR US\$7 5000,00, *per annum* in the case of a Broadcaster who receives subscription in foreign currency

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| Annual licence fee | 2% | monthly subscription turnover deemed turnover payable monthly (payable in the currency the subscription is collected) |
| Local | \$820 000,00, per location | plus regulatory fees amounting to 2% monthly subscription turnover or deemed turnover payable in the currency the subscription is collected. |
| Annual licence fee | 2% | monthly subscription turnover or deemed turnover payable monthly (payable in the currency the subscription is collected) |
| (d) Broadcasting Fund | 0,5% | of monthly subscription turnover or deemed turnover |

Datacasting

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| (a) Application fee/Renewal fee | \$205 000,00 | (non-refundable) |
| (b) Basic Annual licence fee for three years | 820 000,00, <i>per annum</i> | |
| (c) Frequency fee | \$3 280,00, per frequency, per site | per month, for exclusive use of television frequency |
| (d) Broadcasting fund | A contribution of 0.5% | of the audited annual subscription turnover or deemed turnover |

Webcasting

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| (a) Application fee/Renewal fees | \$205 000,00 | (non-refundable) |
| Basic Licence Fee for three years – | | |
| (i) Content provider | \$492 000,00, <i>per annum</i> | |
| (ii) Webcasting server facility | \$492 000,00, <i>per annum</i> | |

Video on demand

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| (a) Application fee/Renewal fee | \$205 000,00 | (non-refundable) |
| (b) Basic licence fee for three years | \$1 640 000,00, <i>per annum</i> | |
| (c) Annual licence fee | 2% | of monthly subscription turnover or deemed turnover payable monthly for the licence period |

Open narrowcasting (Electronic Billboard and PVA Licence)

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| (a) Application fee | \$20 500,00 | (non-refundable) |
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- (b) Basic licence fee for one year \$82 000,00, minimum per billboard or \$16 400,00, per display per year for other types of displays.

Diffusion

Basic Licence Fee for one year –

- (a) Banks, five-star hotels and other businesses \$820 000,00, *per annum*
 (b) Four-star hotels \$492 000,00, *per annum*
 (c) Three-star hotels \$328 000,00, *per annum*
 (d) Two-star hotels \$164 000,00, *per annum*
 (e) Other hotels and lodges and other business premises \$82 000,00, *per annum*
 (f) Service provider \$123 000,00, *per annum*

Type approval and registration of set top box suppliers

- Annual Registration Fee per supplier US\$500,00, for foreign suppliers or its equivalent for local suppliers

Roadcasting

Basic Licence Fee for three years—

- (a) Transport operator –
 (i) Luxury buses \$8 200,00 per vehicle per route, *per annum*
 (ii) Other \$1 230,00, per vehicle, per route *per annum*
 (b) Programme provider \$24 600,00, per route, *per annum*

Temporary importation of broadcasting (production) equipment clearance

- (a) Local \$820,00
 (b) International US\$20,00

Temporary use of broadcasting service bands (narrowcasting)

- (a) Per day \$8 200,00
 (b) Per month \$41 000,00

