

**Legal Notice No. 1 of 2026**

**ST HELENA**

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**COMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE 2026**

**COMMUNICATIONS (SPECTRUM FEES) REGULATIONS 2026**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 124 (Regulations) of the Communications Ordinance 2025, the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council makes the following Regulations.

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Communications (Spectrum Fees) Regulations 2026.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“**amateur**” means a duly authorised person interested in radio techniques solely with a personal aim and without any commercial or financial interest or motive;

“**amateur radiocommunications licence**” means a licence granted to an amateur to establish or use a station for radiocommunications;

“**ship radiocommunications licence**” means a licence to keep, install or use radiocommunications apparatus on board a vessel registered in St Helena;

“**Schedule**” means the schedule to these Regulations and includes Annexure A.

**Cost of administration**

3. (1) The Regulator is entitled to recover the cost of administration associated with the processing of applications for the grant, renewal, and amendment of a licence including—
  - (a) a licence for the establishment, installation and use of electronic communications facilities for radiocommunications,

- (b) a licence for radio frequency spectrum allocated to a broadcasting service licensee or an electronic communications network licensee,
- (c) an amateur radiocommunications licence,
- (d) a ship radiocommunications licence, and
- (e) an earth station licence.

(2) The Regulator may charge different fees for licensing radio frequency spectrum for different types of apparatus including earth stations.

#### **The initial administrative fee**

4. (1) The cost of administration for the grant of a licence may, in exceptional circumstances, be calculated as the administrative fee at the time that the application for a licence is lodged, but will otherwise be the fee set out in the Schedule to these Regulations which is payable on application only (“**initial administrative fee**”).

(2) If an application is withdrawn or refused, the Regulator may retain the initial administrative fee.

#### **Other administrative fees**

5. (1) The Regulator may, in addition to the initial administrative fee, charge each licensee an annual fee in each year of the licence term for the activities set out in paragraph (2), in the amount set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) The Regulator may levy a fee on licensees in order to recover the cost of the management of radio frequency spectrum, monitoring radiocommunications and interference, the maintenance and updating of the register of licensees, and the St Helena Allocation Table.

#### **Fees for amendment and renewal of licences**

6. The fees for the processing of applications for renewal or amendment of a licence are set out in the Schedule and may be payable in addition to the initial administrative fee and the annual administrative fee.

#### **Procedure for the payment of fees**

7. (1) All fees payable under this Regulation must be paid to the Consolidated Fund—

- (a) in the case of the initial administrative fee under the Schedule, on the date that the application is lodged or on the date that the Regulator notifies the applicant that a different fee is payable, whichever is the earlier;
- (b) in the case of the annual administrative fee, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April each year;
- (c) in the case of any other administrative fee including all fees otherwise set out on the Schedule, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April each year.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, proof of payment must reach the Regulator on the date specified in paragraph (1).

#### **Waiver or fee reduction**

8. (1) The Governor may recommend to the Regulator that they waive or reduce any category or amount of fees where there is a strong economic or social reason to do so, with the permission of the Financial Secretary, and provided there are no adverse consequences for the market.
- (2) The Regulator shall provide the necessary form for an application to the Governor under paragraph (1).
- (3) The Governor may review and add to or amend any fees set out in this Regulation following a public consultation.

**SCHEDULE - FEES FOR RADIOPHONIC LICENCES**

	<b>Initial administrative fee (GBP)</b>	<b>Annual administrative fee (GBP)</b>
<b>Licensing of radio frequency spectrum in terms of regulation 6 of these Regulations read with the Radiocommunications (Licensing) Regulations, 2025 (unless otherwise specified below)</b>		
	0	0
<b>2-way portable radio</b>	-	25.00
<b>Amateur radiocommunications licence</b>	-	25.00
<b>Ship radiocommunications licence</b>	-	170.00
<b>FM Radio broadcasting licence</b>	50.00	10 per frequency band
<b>Earth station licence</b>	<i>See Annexure A</i>	

**ANNEXURE A TO THE SCHEDULE**

	<b>Band and satellite type</b>		<b>Application fee per application per band (GBP)</b>	<b>Annual spectrum use fee per Antenna per band (GBP)</b>
Permanent Earth Stations	C-band	GSO	1000	8,500
		NGSO		2,500
	Ku-band	GSO		5,000
		NGSO		1,500
	Ka-band	GSO		3,500
		NGSO		1,000
	<1 GHz (UHF/VHF) Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) Earth Exploration Satellite Service (EESS) Space Operation Service (SOS) Space Research Service (SRS)		250	500
	Earth Exploration (EESS) Space Operation (SOS) Space Research (SRS)	1 to <3 GHz	500	750
		3 to <10 GHz	500	750
		10 to 31 GHz	500	750
TT&C Earth Stations	<3 GHz		250	750
	≥ 3 GHz		250	750
Receive only earth stations	Meteorological and EESS	1690-1710 MHz	250	750
	Monitoring stations	3600-4200 MHz	250	750
	Meteorological and EESS	7750-7900 MHz	250	750
	Meteorological and EESS	25.5 GHz – 26.6 GHz	250	750

Made by the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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