(1 April 2026 - to date)

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT 36 OF 2005

(Gazette No. 28743, Notice No.364 dated 18 April 2006. Commencement date: 19 July 2006. [Proc. No. R29, Gazette No. 29044])

ICASA GENERAL LICENCE FEES REGULATIONS 2012

General Notice 299 in Government Gazette 36323 dated 28 March 2013. Commencement date: 1 April 2013.

As amended by:

General Notice 236 in Government Gazette 37521 dated 2 April 2014. Commencement date: 1 April 2014.

General Notice 151 in Government Gazette 39864 dated 29 March 2016. Commencement date: 1 April 2016. (A duplication of this notice was also published under GenN 187 in Government Gazette 39896)

General Notice 232 in Government Gazette 40704 dated 17 March 2017. Commencement date: 1 April 2017.

General Notice 143 in Government Gazette 41510 dated 20 March 2018. Commencement date: 1 April 2018.

General Notice 201 in Government Gazette 42370 dated 1 April 2019. Commencement date: 1 April 2019.

Government Notice 197 in Government Gazette 43129 dated 23 March 2020. Commencement date: 1 April 2020.

General Notice 175 in Government Gazette 44392 dated 1 April 2021. Commencement date: 1 April 2021.

Government Notice 1954 in Government Gazette 46151 dated 31 March 2022. Commencement date: 1 April 2022.

General Notice 1711 in Government Gazette 48310 dated 27 March 2023. Commencement date: 1 April 2023.

General Notice 2386 in Government Gazette 50368 dated 25 March 2024. Commencement date: 1 April 2024.

General Notice 3105 in Government Gazette 52433 dated 1 April 2025. Commencement date: 1 April 2025.

General Notice 3843 in Government Gazette 54379 dated 20 March 2026. Commencement date: 1 April 2026.

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa has, under sections 4(1)(c)(iv-v) and 5(7)(a)(iii) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), publishes the General Licence Fees Regulation, 2012.

(signed)
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CHAIRPERSON
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1. DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005) has the meaning so assigned;

"the Act" means the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005);

"Accounting Officer" means the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or alternatively the executive in charge of financial management of the licensee, or equivalent;

"Administrative fees" means the fees payable in terms of regulation 3(2) and contained in Schedule 1;

"Annual Licence fees" means the fees payable in terms of regulation 3(1) and contained in Schedule 2;

"Applicable Interest Rate" means the uniform interest rate set by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 80(1 b) of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999;

"BS Licensee" means broadcasting service licensee;

"ECNS licensee" means Electronic Communications Network Service Licensee;

"ECS licensee" means Electronic Communications Service Licensee;

"Licensed Service" as defined in the Electronic Communications Act under "broadcasting service", "electronic communications service" and "electronic communications network service", and as contained in the relevant licence;

(Definition of "Licensed Service" substituted by regulation 2(a) of General Notice 236 in Government Gazette 37521 dated 2 April 2014)

"Revenue" means Revenue as defined in terms of the International Accounting Standard 18 and disclosed in the Licensee's audited Annual Financial Statements, i.e. the gross inflow of economic benefits during the period arising in the course of the ordinary activities of the entity when those inflows result in an increase of equity other than increases relating to contributions from equity participants.

2. PURPOSE OF THESE REGULATIONS

The purpose of these Regulations is to prescribe –

(a) the administrative fees payable in respect of an application or registration for a licence, amendment, transfer or renewal as contemplated in sections 4(1c)(iv)*[sic]* and 4(1)(c)(v) of the Act; and

(b) The annual licence fees payable by licensees as contemplated in section 5(7)(a)(iii) of the Act.

3. APPLICATION

(1) The annual licence fees prescribed in these regulations and as set out in schedule 2 apply to holders of individual and class ECS Licences, individual and class ECNS Licences and individual commercial BS Licences.

(2) The administrative fees are as set out in schedule 1 and:

(a) The method of payment prescribed in the Process and Procedure regulations as published in the *Government Gazette* 30916 and Notice 397 in *Government Gazette* 30914 dated 31 March 2008 applies; and

(b) May be adjusted by a maximum of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by Statistics South Africa, effective on 1 April of each year.

4. EXEMPTIONS

The following Licensees are exempt from the payment of annual licence fees:

(a) Class Licences for Community Broadcasting (Sound); and

(b) Public Broadcasting Services.

5. PAYMENT OF ANNUAL LICENCE FEES

Payments in respect of annual licence fees are due as prescribed in schedule 2 and 3.

6. INTEREST

Interest on all late payments in respect of the annual licence fees is payable in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, as amended (PFMA), at the applicable interest rate as published by the Minister of Finance.

7. CONTRAVENTIONS AND PENALTIES

(1) Failure to pay the annual licence fees will result in the suspension of the licence issued by the Authority in terms of Chapter 3 of the Act until such time that the annual licence fees, plus interest, are paid in full.

(2) Failure to comply with any other provision in these regulations will result in a fine not exceeding one million rands (R1 000 000.00).

8. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

(1) These regulations are called the ICASA General Licence Fees Regulations, 2012.

(2) These regulations shall come into effect on 1 April 2013.

9. REPEAL

(1) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this regulation and the licence terms and conditions which purports to impose Annual and/or Licence Fees, the provisions of this regulation prevail.

(2) The ICASA General Licence Fees Regulations, 2009 are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE 1
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The fees payable by applicants and registrants, as the case may be, in respect of applications and registrations respectively are set out below.

INDIVIDUAL LICENCES		
APPLICATION TYPE	**CURRENT FEE**	**FEE AS OF 1 APRIL 2026**
Initial Applications for Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	As Specified in ITA	As Specified in ITA
Electronic Communications Services	As Specified in ITA	As Specified in ITA
Broadcasting Services	As Specified in ITA	As Specified in ITA
Applications for the Amendment of Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R82 111	R84 738
Electronic Communications Services	R82 111	R84 738
Broadcasting Services	R82 111	R84 738
Applications for Renewal of Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R8 211	R8 473
Electronic Communications Services	R8 211	R8 473
Broadcasting Services	R8 211	R8 473
Application for Transfer of Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R82 111	R84 738
Electronic Communications Services	R82 111	R84 738
Broadcasting Services	R82 111	R84 738

CLASS LICENCES		
APPLICATION TYPE	**CURRENT FEE**	**FEE AS OF 1 APRIL 2026**
Initial Applications for Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R16 421	R16 946
Electronic Communications Services	R16 421	R16 946
Community Broadcasting Services	R4 928	R5 085
Low Power Commercial Sound Broadcasting	R8 211	R8 473
Low Power Community Sound Broadcasting	R1 642	R1 694

Special Event Broadcasting Licences	R820	R846
Applications for the Amendment of Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R8 211	R8 473
Electronic Communications Services	R8 211	R8 473
Community Broadcasting Services	R1 642	R1 694
Low Power Commercial Sound Broadcasting	R3 285	R3 390
Low Power Community Sound Broadcasting	R1 642	R1 694
Applications for Renewal of Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R8 211	R8 473
Electronic Communications Services	R8 211	R8 473
Community Broadcasting Services	R1 642	R1 694
Low Power Commercial Sound Broadcasting	R8 211	R8 473
Low Power Community Sound Broadcasting	R4 928	R5 085
Application for Transfer of Licences		
Electronic Communications Network Services	R8 211	R8 473
Electronic Communications Services	R8 211	R8 473
Community Broadcasting Services	R4 928	R5 085
Low Power Commercial Sound Broadcasting	R3 285	R3 390
Low Power Community Sound Broadcasting	R1 642	R1 694
Special Temporary Authorisations		
Applications for every three (3) months	R8 211	R8 473

(Schedule 1 substituted by General Notice 151 in Government Gazette 39864 dated 29 March 2016)

(Duplication of changes to Schedule 1 published in GenN 187 in Government Gazette 39896)

(Schedule 1 substituted by General Notice 232 in Government Gazette 40704 dated 17 March 2017)

(Schedule 1 substituted by General Notice 143 in Government Gazette 41510 dated 20 March 2018)

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(Schedule 1 substituted by GenN 3843 dated 20 March 2026, with effect from 1 April 2026)

SCHEDULE 2
ANNUAL LICENCE FEES

The Annual Licence Fees payable by Licensees in accordance with these regulations are to be calculated using the formula set out herein, read with the applicable percentages.

Pa = Payable Annual licence Fee

R = Revenue from licensed services

B = applicable percentage per table below dependent on license revenue in accordance with this schedule read with regulation 3(1).

Pa = R x B

SCHEDULE 3

PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF LICENCE FEES

License Revenue	Percentage applied
R	**B**
0 - 50 000 000	0.15%
50 000 001 - 100 000 000	0.20%
100 000 001 - 500 000 000	0.25%
500 000 001 - 1 000 000 000	0.30%
1 000 000 001 - and above	0.35%

(1) Format for submission of financial statement for the purpose of licence fees calculation

Company Name	
Financial Year End	
Financial Year	
Auditing Firm/Partner	
Accounting Officer	Name: Signature:

Total Revenue Generated	**R '000**	**As per AFS**
Total Non-Licensed Revenue	**R '000**	
Total Licensed Revenue	**R '000**	

Revenue from Licensed services (see examples below)	**R '000**	
1. Voice	X XXX	
2. Data	XX XXX	
3. Roaming	XX XXX	
4. Interconnection	XX XXX	
5. Other licensed services	X XXX	
Total Revenue from Licensed services		**XXX XXX**

I, ..., in my capacity as an Accounting Officer hereby verify that the information provided is true and correct.

Signature ..... Designation ..... Date .....

SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(2) All licence holders must submit within six (6) months of their financial year end:

(a) audited Annual Financial Statements, or;

(b) financial statements signed by the accounting officer of the licensee where the licensee is not legally obliged to provide audited financial statements.

(3) Licensees with financial year ending October, November, December, January, February and March must submit annual forecast of licence fees for the year under review at the end of April of every year using the format in schedule 3(1).

(4) Community Broadcasters must submit the following within six (6) months of their financial year end:

(a) annual financial statements signed off by the accounting officer; and

(b) provide a list of all donors and amounts donated and details of all financial and non-monetary donations.

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL LICENCE FEES

(5) Where a legal entity holds any combination of a BS Licence, ECS Licence and/or ECNS Licence, such entity must calculate the licence fee based on information contained:

(a) on the audited Annual Financial Statements of that Licensed Entity; or

(b) Annual Financial Statements signed to by the accounting officer of the licensee where the licensee is not legally obliged to provide audited Annual Financial Statements;

(6) All payments in respect of Annual Licence Fees are due annually.

(7) Annual Payments

(a) are due annually based on the licensee's financial year;

(b) are due and payable within 6 months from the end of the licensee's financial year;

(c) may only be paid by way of an electronic transfer or via a direct deposit into the Authority's bank account;

AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

(8) All licensees must submit annual payments whether they have audited or unaudited annual financial statements as in schedule 3 (1) of the regulations and must be submitted as an annexure to the annual financial statement and supplemented with a confirmation from the auditors regarding the accuracy of the information used to compile the information in terms of an engagement undertaken in accordance with the International Standards for Related Services 4400, *Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information*.