

## **SATELLITE COMMUNICATION STATION LICENCE APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### Introduction

A Satellite Communication Station Licence may be granted the following classes of stations to enable the licensee to transmit, receive or transmit and receive messages by means of satellite communication

1. Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT)
2. Tracking, Telemetry and Command (TT&C) Earth Stations
3. Earth Stations, and
4. Portable Satellite Communication Terminals

### Requirements

1. Licensee must seek the approval of IDA for access to any space segment and shall comply with the relevant rules, regulations and procedures imposed by the satellite operator for station access, booking and fees.
2. Licensee may only use or work within the radio frequencies or radio frequency bands approved by IDA for his use or its use.
3. Licensee must not without the written approval of IDA, use any satellite communication equipment in respect of which the Satellite Communication Station Licence has been issued to provide telecommunication services to the public.

For terms and conditions of the Licence, please see below.

### Application procedures

Applicants can apply online for the Satellite Communication Station Licence through [www.business.gov.sg/licences](http://www.business.gov.sg/licences). The above online application can also be accessed through IDA's online application webpage.

### Fee payable

Licence fee: \$100 per annum per station for items (1) to (3)  
\$50 per annum per station for item (4) only.

Frequency fee - Depending on the bandwidth of the frequencies.

Application & Processing Fee - Depending on the bandwidth of the frequencies.

### Note:

Licence fees paid shall not be refunded (whether on a pro-rated basis or any other basis) in the event that the licence is cancelled by IDA in the following circumstances:

- (i) where the licensee requests for variation or early termination of its licence, or
- (ii) where IDA cancels the licence under Section 8 of the Telecommunications Act (Cap 323).



### Equipment

All radio equipment used must be registered/approved IDA Singapore.

Applicants are advised to take appropriate measures such as installing filters in their receiver system to mitigate potential interference from other services.

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### **Licence Conditions**

1. This Licence is issued in accordance with and subject to the Act and the Regulations, and shall remain valid for the duration of Licence, unless cancelled prior thereto by the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore ("IDA") in accordance with the Act or Regulations, or the conditions herein.
2. The Licensee hereby represents and warrants that the information and/or documents furnished and supplied for the purposes of applying for this Licence is true and accurate.
3. The Licensee and all the persons operating the Stations which the Licensee is authorised by this Licence to establish, install and operate, shall observe and comply with the Act, the Regulations and the conditions of this Licence.
4. The Licensee shall not permit or cause any unauthorised person to operate the Stations or have access to the Stations and equipment contained therein. The Licensee shall ensure that persons authorised to operate the Stations observe the conditions of this Licence at all times.
5. The Stations shall be used only with the emissions at the frequency(s) of the class(es) and power respectively specified in this Licence.
6. The Licensee shall ensure that the equipment comprised in the Stations shall at all times comply with all applicable emission standards and technical specifications or requirements specified by IDA, from time to time, in relation thereto.
7. The Licensee shall maintain up-to-date records of the list of the Stations, including the installation location of the Stations, name of equipment manufacturer, model, serial number of the equipment, frequency(s), output power, date of purchase and date of disposal of the equipment. This list shall be made available for inspection by IDA as and when requested. The Licensee shall also be required to submit the updated list in the manner specified by IDA at least one month prior to the expiry of this Licence. This Licence shall only be

renewed upon submission of the aforesaid list to IDA. A failure to comply with this condition amounts to an offence under the Regulations.

8. The Licensee shall permit or ensure that permission is granted to an authorised person of IDA upon production of proof of identity, to enter any building, premises, compound or other place, vehicle, vessel or aircraft where the Stations are installed or are being installed, to enable the said authorised person to inspect, examine or test any equipment comprised in the Stations.
9. The equipment comprised in the Stations shall be designed, constructed, maintained or used such that the Stations, when used, shall comply with the Act and Regulations and not cause interference to any other licensed or authorised stations or networks or telecommunication installation or equipment which may be lawfully owned, used or operated by any other person. The Licensee shall permit an authorised officer of IDA to inspect the equipment comprised in Stations in order to determine whether the interference is in fact caused by the said equipment.
10. IDA may, at any time, withdraw the frequency(s) from or allocate a different frequency(s) lawfully in place thereof to the Licensee without assigning any reason(s) therefor.
11. Unless authorised in writing by IDA, the connection of any equipment comprised in the Stations to a Public Telecommunication Licensee's network will not be permitted.
12. The Licensee shall notify IDA of any intended change of address of the Licensee or any proposed change in any of the equipment comprised in the Stations or any proposed change in the operating radio frequency(s), the mode of transmission or usage, the location at which the Stations are installed, and before such change is effected, the Licensee shall obtain the prior written approval of IDA. A failure to comply with this condition amounts to an offence under the Regulations.
13. The Licensee and persons authorised by the Licensee to operate the Stations shall ensure that the Stations and the equipment comprised therein are not used for unlawful purposes or misused in any way. A failure to comply with this condition amounts to an offence under the Regulations.
14. The Licensee shall ensure that the Stations, including the equipment comprised therein, the operating radio frequency(s) and the location at which the Stations are installed are not tampered with or modified in any manner unless IDA's written approval has been obtained. As and when directed by IDA, the Licensee shall, at its own cost, conduct inspections on the equipment in order to satisfy IDA that the equipment has not been tampered with or modified. A failure to comply with this condition amounts to an offence under the Regulations.

15. The Stations and this Licence shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by any duly authorised officer of IDA. A failure to comply with this condition amounts to an offence under the Regulations.
16. IDA may vary, modify, suspend and cancel any of the terms of this Licence in accordance with the Act and the Regulations.
17. When the Licensee ceases to operate the Stations or where this Licence ceases to be valid, the Licensee shall return the licence to IDA for cancellation and IDA may require the Licensee to seal, disable or dismantle the equipment comprised in the Stations in the presence of any authorised IDA officer. A failure to comply with this condition amounts to an offence under the Regulations.
18. The Licensee shall not possess any radio-communication equipment, except and in accordance with a licence granted under section 5(1) of the Act or any regulations made under the Act or except where as approved by IDA in writing.
19. The Licence fee shall be paid in advance and shall not be refundable.
20. This Licence is not transferable except with the prior written approval of IDA.
21. The Licensee shall comply with any directions or notifications which IDA may, from time to time, issue.

**Notes:**

- 1 This document has no legal standing and is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. While every effort has been made to provide an accurate and authoritative account of the licensing regime, the licence(s) to be granted to successful applicants will be the complete authoritative text.**
- 2 The information contained in this document is intended to assist interested parties in applying for the relevant licences. It does not bind IDA to any particular course of action in relation to the handling of any application, or to the terms of any licence to be granted, or to grant any licence to any party. IDA reserves the right to change its policies and/or to amend this document without prior notice.**
- 3 The grant of a licence is at the sole discretion of IDA. IDA reserves the right not to accept any application submitted. IDA will undertake to explain to the applicant concerned, on the applicant's request, why the applicant is unsuccessful in its application for a licence.**
- 4 IDA reserves the right to disclose the identities of parties who have submitted applications. All other information received will be treated in confidence.**

**APPLICATION AND PROCESSING FEES  
FOR USE OF RADIO FREQUENCY**

| <i>First column</i><br><br><i>Category</i>   | <i>Second column</i><br><br><i>Fee payable per frequency</i>    |
|--|---|
| 1. Commonly Assigned Frequencies<br>(for temporary or occasional use)  | \$100   |
| 2. All Other Frequencies –<br><br>(a) bandwidth of 25 kHz or less<br><br>(b) bandwidth of more than 25 kHz but<br>less than 500 kHz<br><br>(c) bandwidth of 500 kHz or more<br>but<br>less than 1 MHz<br><br>(d) bandwidth of 1 MHz or more but<br>less than 20 MHz<br><br>(e) bandwidth of 20 MHz or more | \$290<br><br>\$450<br><br>\$1,350<br><br>\$2,700<br><br>\$4,650 |
| 3. Satellite Downlink Frequencies  | \$750 per band.   |

## ANNUAL FEES FOR USE OF RADIO FREQUENCY

| <i>First column</i><br><b>Radio Frequency Spectrum</b>   | <i>Second column</i><br><i>Fee payable per frequency per annum</i>   |                     |
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| 1. Frequencies for Networks and Systems –<br>(a) exclusive use –<br>(i) bandwidth of less than 1 MHz<br><br>(ii) bandwidth of 1 MHz or more<br><br>(b) shared use –<br>(i) bandwidth of less than 300 kHz<br><br>(ii) bandwidth of 300 kHz or more but less than 20 MHz<br><br>(iii) bandwidth of 20 MHz or more | \$300 per 25 kHz of occupied bandwidth or part thereof<br><br>\$12,000 for the first MHz of occupied bandwidth, and \$300 per subsequent MHz of occupied bandwidth or part thereof<br><br>\$300 per 25 kHz of occupied bandwidth or part thereof<br><br>\$3,500<br><br>\$6,200 |                     |
| 2. Satellite Downlink Frequencies  | \$600 per band   |                     |
| 3. Common Frequencies for In-building or On-site Wireless Systems –  | <u>ISM Band</u>  | <u>Non ISM Band</u> |
| (a) bandwidth of 20 MHz or less  | \$50   | \$100               |
| (b) bandwidth of more than 20 MHz but not exceeding 50 MHz   | \$100  | \$200               |
| (c) bandwidth of more than 50 MHz  | \$150  | \$300               |
| 4. Block of Assigned Frequencies for Multi-channel Radio Communication Networks and Systems  | \$15.  |                     |