

General Notice No. 977 of 2017.



**THE UGANDA COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2013**

**NEW LICENSE FRAMEWORK, FEES AND FINES**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Uganda Communications Commission under sections 6(1)(a), (d) and (e) of the Uganda Communications Act 2013, the Commission approved the following license categories, license fees, spectrum charges and fines for implementation effective the date of this notice.

**(a) TWO WAY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

No.	CATEGORY	FEES in UGX
1.	HF Fixed Station	110,000
2	HF Mobile Station	110,000
3	VHF & UHF Fixed station	75,000
4	VHF & UHF Mobile station	75,000
5	VHF Hand held sets	75,000
6	Application processing fees	50,000

**(b) RADIO STATIONS BROADCASTING FEES**

	CATEGORY	FEES in UGX
1	Application processing fees (One off)	6,240,000 (Non Commercial Radio Stations) & 9,400,000 (Commercial Radio Stations)
2	Initial entry fee/ change in ownership (One off fee)	33,000,000 (National commercial Radio – Tier 1) Commercial Regional Stations (25,000,000 Tier 2; 20,000,000 for Tier 3; & 15,000,000 for Tier 4) Community/ Non Commercial Radios (200,000)
3	Commercial Radio License	10,000,000 Tier1; 8,000,000 for Tier 2; 6,000,000 for Tier 3 and 5,000,000 for Tier 4
4.	Non -Commercial Radio License	2,000,000
5.	Spectrum fees (Radio )	ERP watts <1120 = Shs.500,000 ii) ERP = 1120 &<ERP <2800 = Shs.750,000 iii) ERP> 2800 &<ERP 5600= Shs.1,000,000 iv) ERP> 5600 Shs 1,000,000 for every 2800
6.	Studio Transmitter Link	1,000,000
7.	Online Radio	100,000 per year(Providers of such service to be granted authorisation as opposed to licenses)

**TIERS CLASSIFICATION:**

Tier 1 National Radio; Tier 2 Kampala Region; Tier 3 Jinja, Mbale, Soroti, Lira, Gulu, Arua, Fort Portal, Masaka, Mbarara; Tier 4 Rest of the country.

Factors: 1 for Tier 1, 0.8 for Tier 2 and 0.6 for Tier 3 and 0.5 for Tier 4 to be applied on initial entry fees, annual license fees and spectrum fees.

**(c) BROADCASTING SERVICES (TELEVISION STATIONS)**

No.	CATEGORY	FEES IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS
1.	Application processing fees	2,500
2.	Public Infrastructure Provider License -(National)	Initial Entry Fees (One off-100,000) Annual License Fees (30,000) And 2% on GAR
3.	Public Infrastructure Provider License -Regional)	Initial entry fees USD 25,000 ; Annual License fees USD. 3000 and 2% on GAR
4.	Content Service Provider- (Free To Air -National License –Single Stream)	Initial entry USD 20,300; Annual fees USD 17,600 per stream
5.	Content Service Provider- (Free To Air -National License –Multiple Streams)	Initial entry USD 40,500 Annual fees USD 67,600 per licensee
6.	Content Service Provider – (Free To Air – Regional –Single Stream )	Initial entry USD 5400 Annual fees USD 2,700
7.	Content Service Provider – (Free To Air – Regional –Multiple Stream )	Initial entry USD 5,400; Annual fees USD 5400 per licensee
8.	Content Service Provider - Free To Air -International Single Stream	Initial entry USD 27,000 & Annual fees USD 20,300 per stream
9.	Content Service Provider ( - Pay TV –National -Single Stream)	Initial entry USD 27,000 ; Annual fees USD 20,300
10.	Content Service Provider ( - Pay TV –Regional -Single Stream)	Initial entry USD 8,100; Annual fees USD 4,100
11.	Content Service Provider ( - Pay TV – International -Single Stream)	Initial entry USD 32,400 ; Annual fees USD 27,000
12.	Content Service Provider ( - Pay TV –National -Multiple Streams)	Initial entry USD 67,600 Annual fees USD 150,000 per licensee
13.	Content Service Provider ( - Pay TV –Regional -Multiple Streams)	Initial entry USD 20,300 Annual fees USD 33,800 per licensee
14.	Content Service Provider - Hybrid TV (Single Channel)	Initial entry USD 21,600 Annual fees USD 18,900
15.	Subscriber Management Services	Initial entry USD 13,500 Annual fees USD 5,400
16.	Public Broadcaster Fee - UBC	33,800 for all streams per annum
17.	Private Television Stations (Spectrum charges)	ERP watts /12db gain/channel : ERP 3865 =USD <b>1,350</b> ; ERP 3865-6440w = Usd. 1,800; ERP6440-12885w= <b>USD 2,200</b> ERP 12885-19330w = <b>USD 2,700</b> ; above ERP 19330 USD 270 for every 1288 watts above 19330 watts per transmitter
18.	Application to offer an innovative communication service for Academic/Research, and/or for potential commercial purposes but when not covered by the existing license category/regime (For Six Months renewal only once)	USD1,350

No.	CATEGORY	FEES IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS
19	Content Service Provider (Online Broadcasting)	USD 8,100 per stream per annum
20	Logical Channel Numbers (LCN)	a) Premium Logical Channel Number UGX 3,000,000 b) Ordinary Logical Channel Number UGX 600,000 c) Ordinary Logical Channel Number (Content Aggregators; UGX 4,500,000 for 1 <sup>st</sup> 10 channels; & UGX 300,000 for every extra channel d) Premium Logical Channel Number (Content Aggregators; UGX 9,000,000 for 1 <sup>st</sup> 10 channels; & UGX 600,000 for every extra channel
21	Online Data Communication Services (Publishing)	USD 20 per annum

[Note: Factors based on geographical regions will be applied on the above fees as follows: A factor of 1 shall be applied to Kampala region; a factor of 0.8 shall be applied on all regional licenses/ fees outside of Kampala region and a factor of 0.6 shall be applied on stations in hard to reach areas as defined by the Commission.]

**(d) RADIO TRANSMISSION LINKS (MICROWAVE LINKS)**

The annual spectrum fee payable is based on the formula:

$$\text{Frequency Fees (FF)} = \text{Up} \times \text{K1} \times \text{BW} \times \text{Nf} \times \text{Fr}$$

Where FF = Frequency Fees

Up= USD 120 per transmit frequency per site

K1 is the Frequency band factor, where:

$$\text{K1} = 0.7 \quad f \leq 8\text{GHz}$$

$$\text{K1} = 0.6 \text{ for } 8\text{GHz} < f \leq 15\text{GHz}$$

$$\text{K1} = 0.5 \text{ for } 15\text{GHz} < f \leq 23\text{GHz}$$

$$\text{K1} = 0.4 \text{ for } 23\text{GHz} < f \leq 38\text{GHz}$$

$$\text{K1} = 0.3 \text{ for } f > 38\text{GHz}$$

Nf = Number of same transmit frequencies in the network

Fr is the Frequency reuse factor, where:

Fr = 1 for first 10 frequencies reuse

Fr = 0.3 for next 10 frequencies reuse

Fr = 0.1 for frequencies reuse  $\geq 20$  times

**(e) ACCESS BANDS:**

	Band Category	Fees in USD (per Mhz paired)
1.	1.7GHZ	2,700
2.	3.3GHZ	4,100
3.	3.5GHZ	4,100
4.	2.3GHZ	4,100
5.	2.6GHZ	5,400
6.	800 Mhz	24,300 for 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 Mhz paired, & 150m per extra Mhz above 5 mhz paired
7.	900 Mhz	40,500 for first 5Mhz & 121,600 per extra Mhz above 5Mhz
8.	1800Mhz	20,300 for first 5Mhz & 40,500 per extra Mhz above 5Mhz
9.	2.1Ghz	27,000 for first 5Mhz & 81,100 per extra Mhz above 5Mhz
10.	450 Mhz	5,400
11.	GSM Jamming services	135 per device

**(f) LICENSE FEES:**

		<b>Fees in USD per annum (unless stated)</b>
<b>(i)</b>	<b>TELECOMS</b>	<b>Fees in USD per annum (unless stated)</b>
1.	(i) Application processing Fees	2,500
2.	(ii) Public Infrastructure Provider (PIP) initial entry fee	100,000 (One off)
3.	(iii) Public Infrastructure Provider Licence	30,000
4.	(iv) Public Service Provider Licence ( Voice & Data)	10,000
5.	(v) Public Service Provider Licence (Capacity Resale) Initial entry	3,000
6.	(v) Public Service Provider Licence (Capacity Resale) Annual Lic Fee	3,000
7.	(vi) Customer premises bloc wiring & Repair Workshop Application Fee	85
8.	(vi) Customer premises bloc wiring & Repair Workshop	500
9.	(vii) Satellite phone users licence	500
<b>(ii)</b>	<b>SALE OF TELECOM APPARATUS</b>	
1.	Application fees	1,000
2.	National distributors of telecoms apparatus Annual License fee	5,000
3.	Importers, Wholesalers of telecoms apparatus Annual License fee	2,500
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>POSTAL SERVICES</b>	
1.	Application fees	190
2.	Domestic (City to city)	400
3.	Domestic (National) Courier License fee	1,000
4.	Regional Courier License fee	2,500
5.	International Courier License fee	5,000
6.	Postal-Reserved National Operator	50,000 (Five year licence)
<b>(iv)</b>	<b>SERVICE AUTHORISATION</b>	
1.	(i) Application processing fees	140
2.	(ii) Private VSAT use Authorisation	2,500
3.	(iii) VSAT fees per Node	100 per node per annum
4.	(iv) Medical & Educational use VSAT	500
5.	(v) Satellite Earth Stations	10,000
<b>(v)</b>	<b>SHORT CODES</b>	
1.	Short code application fee	250
2.	Initial entry fees - One time	1,000
3.	Range 140-189	2,000
4.	Range 6000 - 8999	2,000
5.	Range 200 - 298	10,000
<b>(vi)</b>	<b>D. TYPE APPROVAL</b>	
1.	Application processing fee	20
2.	VSAT type approval	20
3.	VSAT Registration	100

		<b>Fees in USD per annum (unless stated)</b>
4.	Telecom Network Subsystem	150
5.	Telecom base station subsystem	625
6.	Media Gateway subsystem	1,500
7.	Radio Equipment ≤10 watts	100
8.	Radio Equipment 11-25watts	200
9.	Radio Equipment 26-50 watts	300
10.	Radio Equipment 51-100	500
11.	Radio Equipment >100watts	1,000
12.	PABX	500
13.	Vehicle immobiliser	150
14.	Tracking Device	50
15.	STB's	150
16.	Mobile TV, IDTV	200
17.	TV & Radio Broadcast equipment	200
18.	Community Broadcast equipment	150
<b>(i)</b>	<b>LEVY ON GROSS ANNUAL REVENUE(GAR)</b>	<b>2% of GAR</b>
<b>(j)</b>	<b>FILM INDUSTRY LICENSES</b>	
1.	National Distributor	270
2.	Regional Distributor	80
3.	Exhibition License	135
4.	Exhibition Premises - Cinema	270
5.	Exhibition Premises - small (Bibanda)	27
6.	Permit to stage a play	27
7.	Filming Permit (Local Film)	27 per film
8.	Filming Permit (International Film)	1,000 per film
9.	Filming License (National)	1,350
10.	Public Performance Permit	27
11.	License Commercial Still photography	27
12.	Permit exhibit film, documentary of photography	27
13.	Permit advertise exhibition of a play or commercial still photography or a documentary	27

**(k) FINES**

	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Fine (in USD unless stated)</b>
1.	Failure to disclose information to the Commission	260
2.	Failure to display required notice, certificates, authorisations at premises or on communication equipment or apparatus.	260
3.	Failure to maintain required records	260
4.	Failure to implement a lawful order issued by the Commission	260
5.	Denial of the regulator access to premises, apparatus, equipment, information	260
6.	Unauthorised discontinuance of services licenced by the Commission	The Commission may invoke s.41 and fine 10% of Gross Annual Revenue(GAR)
7.	Exceeding power limits	260 per day of offence or if repeated the Commission invoke s.41 and fine up to 10% of the GAR
9.	Failure to engage in required frequency coordination	260
10.	Failure to install band pass filters	260 per day from day of commission of offence or may if repeated the Commission invoke s.41 and fine up to 10% of the GAR
11.	Over modulation	260 per day from day commission of offence or may if repeated the Commission invoke s.41 and fine up to 10% of the GAR
12.	Distribution of prohibited content	260 or invoke s.41 and fine
13.	Reconnection fees	540
15.	Exceeding antenna height	260 per day when the offending antenna remains high
16.	Relocation without authorisation	260 per day of operation from the date of relocation
17.	Air testing without authorisation.	260 or prosecution under s.26(3)
18.	Falsifying information	s.41 and fine up to 10% of the GAR
19.	Non-compliance with any of the provisions of the codes, guidelines and standards of the Commission.	260
20.	Failure to pay for services within the stipulated time	All Annual licence fees are subject to a monthly interest of 2% where it remains unpaid ninety (90) days after it becomes due

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