

Submission template - Review of radio spectrum licence fees

Instructions

This is the submission template for the discussion document *Review of radio spectrum licence fees*.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (**MBIE**) seeks written submissions on the issues raised in the discussion document by **5pm on 11 April 2025**. Please make your submission as follows:

1. Fill out your name and organisation (if applicable) in the table, “Your name and organisation”.
2. Fill out your responses to the questions in the template. Your submission may respond to any or all of the questions from the discussion document. Where possible, please include evidence to support your views, for example references to independent research, facts and figures, or relevant examples.
3. When sending your submission:
 - a. Delete the first page of instructions.
 - b. Include your email address and telephone number in the email or cover letter accompanying your submission – we may contact submitters directly if we require clarification of any matters in submissions.
 - c. If your submission contains any confidential information:
 - Please state this in the cover letter or email accompanying your submission and set out clearly which parts you consider should be withheld, together with the reasons for withholding the information. MBIE will take such objections into account and will consult with submitters when proactively releasing submissions or responding to requests under the Official Information Act 1982.
 - Indicate this on the front of your submission (e.g. the first page header may state “In Confidence”). Any confidential information should be clearly marked within the text of your submission (preferably as Microsoft Word comments).
 - Please provide a separate version of your submission excluding the relevant information for publication on our website (unless you wish your submission to remain unpublished). If you do not wish your submission to be published, please clearly indicate this in the cover letter or email accompanying your submission.
 - Note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982.
4. Send your submission:
 - as a Microsoft Word document or PDF to Radio.Spectrum@mbie.govt.nz subject line: ‘Review of radio spectrum licence fees’ (preferred),
 - by mailing your submission to:

Radio Spectrum Management Policy and Planning
Building, Resources and Markets
Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140
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Please direct any questions that you have in relation to the submission process to Radio.Spectrum@mbie.govt.nz.

Submission on discussion document: review of radio spectrum licence fees

Your name and organisation

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Organisation	Private, individual operator

General questions

Questions for organisations and businesses

1	Private, individual operator
2	Approximately how many licences do you or your organisation hold? None, but looking to apply for HAM amateur license shortly
3	Before considering changes to fees, are you planning to increase or decrease the number of licences you or your organisation hold over the next five years? If yes, please indicate the expected proportion of this change. Increase, but only by 1 (private)
4	What proportion of your licences do you expect will need to be modified in the next five years? None hopefully

Questions about the proposals in the discussion document

Options for annual licence fee changes

1	What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of option one? Raised fees are an inevitability, but it's a distinct disadvantage to dissuade new radio enthusiasts by raising the license fee to join. The fees should increase for commercial and larger operators to cover the shortfall.
2	What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of option two?

Again, raising initial fees will dissuade people from joining up and pursuing their radio license. The fees should increase for commercial and larger operators to cover the shortfall.

3 Which option do you prefer? Why?

Neither are ideal for a private citizen, but between the two, the least worst option is to keep the renewal fee the same and raise the initial fee.

4 Is there any other option that has not been considered in this document? If yes, please explain this option in detail, including why it is preferable to option one and two.

The fees should increase for commercial and larger operators to cover the shortfall, and smaller amateur licenses should remain at their current rates for new applications and renewals.

5 What impact will the fee increase have on your business or entity?

Like any other private citizen, it would make me reconsider paying at all for license.

6 How would fee option two impact the licensing decisions of your organisation or entity over the next five years?

I may choose not to license.

Closing comments

7 Are there any other comments you wish to make?

No