

Instructions for frequency license

Under the Telecommunications Law of the Kingdom of Bahrain (Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002), the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) is responsible for the allocation of radio frequency spectrum in support of Telecommunications Services.

The applicant will generally, but not exclusively, initiate the process for the application for a frequency license by submitting a frequency license application to TRA on a frequency license application form. Once the process is complete a frequency license will be granted and forwarded to the applicant before any use can be made of the requested radio spectrum.

Unless a resolution has been issued by TRA to determine the application fees for the applicable spectrum that is the subject of the application, TRA will notify the applicant within fourteen (14) days of its receipt of the application of the applicable license and/or spectrum fees. TRA will notify the applicant within fourteen (14) days of its receipt of evidence of the payment of the application fees that the application is valid for the purposes of Section 44 of the Telecommunications Law. Until such time as TRA receives evidence of the payment of the application fees, the application will be deemed to be invalid, and no further processing of the application will be carried out by TRA.

In general, TRA shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of a valid application, decide, having consulted with other entities as may be appropriate whether to grant the license. The party applying for such license should note that details of the frequency requirements and possibly other details from the license application may need to be disclosed to the Ministry of Transportations (Directorate of Wireless Licensing Frequency & Monitoring) to ensure spectrum availability and proper spectrum management. If further information is required by TRA, it shall notify the applicant of such requirement within fifteen (15) days of the submission of the valid application. A final decision shall be made within the longer of:

- (a) fifteen (15) days after the receipt of such additional information; or
- (b) Sixty (60) days after the submission of the valid application.