

## **Applications for frequency licenses by public telecommunications network operators**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 42 of the Telecommunications Law of the Kingdom of Bahrain (Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002), the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (“the Authority”) is, amongst other things, responsible for the co-ordination of telecommunications frequencies.

Applications for frequency licences used in conjunction with a National Fixed Wireless Service Licence or Individual Mobile Telecommunications Licence will normally result from a specific award process designed by the Authority.

The following applies in relation to all individual and class licensees which require individual fixed point-to-point radiocommunication links, as part of their telecommunications infrastructure and/or backhaul networks.

The applicant should initially refer to the [Fixed Point-to-Point Links - Licensing and Assignment Policy](#) and any other applicable guidelines<sup>1</sup> published by the Authority from time to time. The next step is for the applicant to submit a frequency licence application to the Authority in the form set out by the Authority accompanied by any requisite information and evidence of payment of the application fees (if any). Prior to the receipt of the Frequency Licence the applicant shall not operate any transmitting equipment, which utilises the requested radio spectrum.

Unless a resolution has been issued by the Authority concerning Frequency Licence application fees, the Authority will notify the applicant within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the application, of the applicable licence and/or spectrum fees.

The Authority will notify the applicant in writing within fourteen (14) days of its receipt of the application (including evidence of the payment of the application fees) that it has received the same. Until such time that the Authority receives evidence of the payment of the application fees, the application will be deemed not to be valid, and no processing of the application will be carried out by the Authority.

The Authority 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 licence. The party applying for such licence should note that details of the frequency requirements and other details from the licence application shall be disclosed to the Directorate of Wireless Licensing Frequency & Monitoring.

If further information is required by the Authority, it shall notify the applicant of such a requirement within fifteen (15) days of the submission of a 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for Public Telecommunications Frequency Licensees are in the course of development. Applicants should consult the TRA web-site from time to time to ensure they are in possession of the latest information.



The arrangements for providing frequency licences for Earth Stations operating in conjunction with an International Facilities Licence or VSAT licence will be provided shortly