



REGULATORY FEES

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FACT SHEET

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WHAT YOU OWE – MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES FOR FY 2004

This *Fact Sheet* concerns licensees of media services such as: commercial AM & FM radio stations, FM translators and boosters, commercial television stations, satellite TV stations, low power television (LPTV) stations, TV translators and boosters and broadcast auxiliary stations. The regulatory fee to be assessed is based upon the nature of authorization (e.g. construction permit or license) held as of October 1, 2003. Licensees who did not begin providing services prior to October 1, 2003 are not required to pay regulatory fees this year. However, in instances where a service license or authorization is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2003, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the authorization on the date that the fee payment is due.

Commercial AM/FM Radio Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial AM and FM radio stations, holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations, and licensees who hold auxiliary broadcast service licenses for stations operated in conjunction with the main station (e.g., remote pickup stations, aural broadcast STLs, intercity relay stations and low power auxiliary stations) provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2003.

Fee Requirement: Fees are assessed for AM and FM radio station licensees based upon class of station and population served. Determination of class is based upon the station's most recent granted license on or before October 1, 2003. AM and FM radio stations are divided into 42 fee groups. The fee amount may be obtained by accessing the FCC's internet web site (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>). If you have a commercial AM or FM radio station which is not listed, please contact Roland Helvajian at (202) 418-0444 for assistance.

Licensees will be assessed \$10 for each broadcast auxiliary license that they hold. Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new AM and FM stations for which a license to cover the CP had not been granted as of October 1, 2003, will be assessed \$465 (AM) or \$1,650 (FM) fee for each permit held, regardless of station class or population served.

Payment Type Codes and Payment Amounts For FY 2004 Radio Station Regulatory Fees						
Population Served	AM Class A	AM Class B	AM Class C	AM Class D	FM Classes A, B1 & C3	FM Classes B, C, C0, C1 & C2
<=25,000	0417 \$600	0423 \$450	0429 \$350	0435 \$425	0441 \$525	0447 \$675
25,001 - 75,000	0418 \$1,200	0424 \$900	0430 \$525	0436 \$625	0442 \$1,050	0448 \$1,175
75,001 - 150,000	0419 \$1,800	0425 \$1,125	0431 \$700	0437 \$1,075	0443 \$1,450	0449 \$2,200
150,001 - 500,000	0420 \$2,700	0426 \$1,925	0432 \$1,050	0438 \$1,275	0444 \$2,225	0450 \$2,875
500,001 - 1,200,000	0421 \$3,900	0427 \$2,925	0433 \$1,750	0439 \$2,125	0445 \$3,550	0451 \$4,225
1,200,001 - 3,000,000	0422 \$6,000	0428 \$4,500	0434 \$2,625	0440 \$3,400	0446 \$5,775	0452 \$6,750
>3,000,000	0479 \$7,200	0480 \$5,400	0481 \$3,325	0482 \$4,250	0483 \$7,350	0484 \$8,775

Regulatory Fee Group or Category	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Broadcast Auxiliary Station License	\$10	0469
Construction Permit for New AM Station	\$465	0415
Construction Permit for New FM Station	\$1,650	0416

VHF/UHF/Satellite TV Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial VHF, UHF and satellite television stations, and holders of construction permits for new stations whose license or permit was granted on or before October 1, 2003. Commercial television station licensees who also hold auxiliary broadcast service licenses for stations operated in conjunction with the main TV station (e.g., remote pickup stations, intercity relay stations) will also be assessed a regulatory fee of \$10 for each of these stations. Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new television stations for which a license to cover the CP had not been granted as of October 1, 2003, will be assessed \$4,650 (VHF), \$5,675 (UHF), or \$520 (Satellite TV) for each permit held, regardless of market size.

Fee Requirement: Fees for commercial television stations are based upon the size of the Nielsen Designated

Market Area (DMA) as listed in the 2004 Edition of the Television & Cable Factbook, Stations Volume No. 72, Warren Publishing, Inc. Fees will be assessed as follows:

Commercial VHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10:	\$60,375	0453
Markets 11-25:	\$41,475	0454
Markets 26-50:	\$29,175	0455
Markets 51-100:	\$17,575	0456
Remaining Markets:	\$4,050	0457
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	0469
Construction Permits:	\$4,650	0458

Commercial UHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10:	\$17,775	0459
Markets 11-25:	\$16,175	0460
Markets 26-50:	\$9,300	0461
Markets 51-100:	\$5,550	0462
Remaining Markets:	\$1,650	0463
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	0469
Construction Permits:	\$5,675	0464
Satellite TV Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
All Markets:	\$1,050	0465
Construction Permits:	\$520	0466

LPTV, TV Translators & TV Boosters, FM Translators & FM Boosters

In a recent rulemaking proceeding, the Commission established a category of “Class A TV” into which some Low Power TV (LPTV) stations were re-classified (See Establishment of a Class A TV Service, 65 FR 29985, MM Docket No. 00-10 (May 10, 2000). For purposes of regulatory fees, we categorize the Class A TV service as a derivative of LPTV. Stations that were re-classified as Class A TV as of October 1, 2000, as well as existing LPTV stations operating as of October 1, 2003, should pay the LPTV fee of \$385 for FY 2004.

Who Must Pay: Holders LPTV, TV translator and booster licenses, and FM translator and booster licenses whose license was granted before October 1, 2003.

Fee Requirement: Fees are assessed on a per license basis as follows:

Type of License	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Low Power Television Station, TV Translator/TV Booster	\$385	0467
FM Translator/FM Booster	\$385	0468

Special Instructions for Completing FCC Forms 159 & 159-C

In addition to the general filing instructions that accompany FCC Form 159, the following information applies specifically to media services licensees.

Block (9) - Telephone Number:

- Enter the contact name and telephone number of the specific individual responsible for submitting the payment and supporting Form 159 and Form 159-C.

Block (11) - PAYER FRN:

- Enter the fee payer's FRN number.

Block (21) - APPLICANT FRN:

- If different from payer, enter the applicant's FRN number.

Block (23A) - FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID:

- **Call sign:** All Media Services payers must enter in this block the call sign of the station(s) for which the regulatory fee is being paid.
- Payers of the regulatory fee for broadcast auxiliary station(s) must enter their station's call sign.

Block (24A) - PAYMENT TYPE CODE: Enter the appropriate payment type code(s) from the fee grids provided in this *Fact Sheet*.

Block (25A) - QUANTITY: All media services fee payers must enter "1" in this block.

Block (27A) - TOTAL FEE: Enter the dollar amount associated with the corresponding Payment Type Code entered in Block (24A). **Enter exact dollars and cents; do not round.**

Block (28A) - FCC CODE 1:

- **Facility ID:** Enter the unique facility identification number for the AM, FM, TV, Low Power Television, FM/TV Translators, and FM/TV Booster station(s) for which the regulatory fee is being paid. Facility ID Numbers for these stations can be obtained from the Mass Media Bureau's Consolidated Data Base System (CDBS) at the FCC's Internet Website at www.fcc.gov/mmb by clicking on "CDBS Public Access", or by calling: Radio (202) 418-2700, TV (202) 418-1600. Further, the Facility ID Number is now included on all Radio and TV authorizations.
- If you are paying a broadcast auxiliary regulatory fee, leave this block blank.

Block (29A) - FCC CODE 2:

- If you are paying an AM, FM, TV or Low Power Television regulatory fee, enter the name of the state and community (in that order) of license for the station for which the regulatory fee is being paid. Please note that this block is for state and community of license, not mailing address. Please use the appropriate two letter post office abbreviation for the state.
- If you are paying a TV translator, TV booster, broadcast auxiliary, FM translator or an FM booster station regulatory fee, leave this block blank.

Block (30) - CERTIFICATION:

- Provide the printed name and signature of an individual owner/licensee or officer attesting to the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied.

Please include a daytime telephone number so that we can contact you if questions arise regarding your payment.

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