



NEWS FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FCC to Delete 98 Outdated Broadcast Rules and Requirements

Agency Leverages Streamlined Process to Remove Obsolete Media Regulations

WASHINGTON, August 7, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today took action to repeal 98 broadcast rules and requirements that have been identified as obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary, including rules dating back nearly 50 years ago for technologies that have been far surpassed in the media marketplace. This marks the latest action in the Commission’s “In re: Delete, Delete, Delete” docket, which seeks public input on identifying FCC rules for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Today’s action repeals rule provisions identified primarily in the broadcast services section of the regulations that plainly do not serve the public interest any longer because they govern obsolete technology, rules no longer used in practice by the FCC or licensee, or rules that are otherwise outdated or unnecessary. The item repeals rules related to old technology that is no longer used, such as 1970s-era regulations dictating the kind of testing equipment radio stations are required to purchase.

This action is the product of the FCC’s Delete [proceeding](#) through which it has sought comment on every rule, regulation, or guidance document that the FCC should eliminate for the purposes of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens. This has produced overwhelming public comment and constructive feedback that will be considered both in Delete and other proceedings.

Today’s decision is the latest in an important, streamlined process to remove regulations at scale without going through years of unnecessary legal procedures. At the July Open Meeting, the Commission [approved](#) the removal of obsolete telegraph, rabbit-ear receiver, and phone booth rules using this streamlined process. Today’s action continues the FCC’s work to unleash a new wave of economic opportunity by ending unnecessary, outdated, and burdensome regulations.

Action by the Commission August 7, 2025 by Direct Final Rule (FCC 25-51). Chairman Carr and Commissioner Trusty approving. Commissioner Gomez concurring in part and dissenting in part. Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty issuing separate statements.

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