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WHAT YOU OWE – MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026

On August 27, 2026, the Commission released the *FY 2026 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*.¹ This document is available for viewing at <http://www.fcc.gov/regfees>. Regulatory fee payments must be received by the Commission no later than 11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 24, 2026.² While FY 2026 regulatory fees will not become effective until the Order is published in the Federal Register, regulatees, at their own discretion, may submit payments at any time before the FY 2026 regulatory fees due date. Failure to pay regulatory fees can result in the initiation of a proceeding to revoke any and all authorizations held by the delinquent payer.

The Commission has discontinued the use of the Fee Filer system and incorporated this payment system into the Commission Registration System (CORES). To use CORES, you need to be registered with the FCC at <https://apps2.fcc.gov/fccUserReg/pages/login.htm>. Once your FCC username is registered and verified, you can access CORES and select the option to associate your existing FRN to that username, if you have not already done so. To make a FY 2026 regulatory fee payment, log in to the following website using your username and password: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>.

Commission licensees and regulatees should consult the *FY 2026 Regulatory Fees Report and Order* for specific information concerning regulatory fee payment obligations, the regulatory fee process, and regulatory fee requirements for payment. The Commission also publishes industry-specific guidance under the heading *FY 2026 – Who Owes Fees and What Is My Fee*, which can be found on the Commission website at <http://www.fcc.gov/regfees>.

This Fact Sheet applies to licensees of media services such as: commercial AM and FM radio stations, FM translators and boosters, commercial full power television stations, TV translators, low power television (LPTV) stations, low power Class A (Class A) television stations, cable television systems, Cable TV Relay Service (CARS) and Direct Broadcast Satellites (DBS). Media licensees and permit holders owe regulatory fees for each license or permit held as of **October 1, 2025**, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2025. In instances where a license or permit is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2025, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or permit holder on the date that the fee payment is due.

Commercial AM and FM Radio Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial AM and FM radio stations, and holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations, provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2025, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2025. AM expanded band radio

¹ *Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2026*, MD Docket No. 26-94, Report and Order, FCC 26-59 (rel. Aug. 27, 2026) (*FY 2026 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*).

² The Commission has instituted a mandatory electronic payment policy, which means that licensees will not be able to make regulatory fee payments by check, money order, or cashier's check. Only credit card, ACH, and wire transfer payments will be accepted. Please make sure that your electronic fee payment is made and the transaction is complete by the due date for FY 2026 regulatory fees.

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stations are assessed a regulatory fee on the same basis as standard band licenses. Licensees that hold broadcast auxiliary licenses (e.g., remote pickup stations, aural broadcast STLs, intercity relay stations, and low power auxiliary stations), however, are not required to pay because the regulatory fee for broadcast auxiliary licenses was eliminated.

Additional Media Regulatory Fee Information: In addition to regulatory fee information located at the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/regfees>, additional media regulatory fee data for AM and FM radio stations, low power TV stations, as well as FM translators and boosters can be viewed at the website: www.fccfees.com. Beginning in FY 2023, U.S. 2020 Census data has been incorporated into the AM and FM radio station population determination.

Fee Requirement: Fees for AM and FM radio station licensees are based upon class of station and population served. A station's class is based upon the station's most recent license that was granted on or before October 1, 2025. Fee amounts for AM and FM radio stations are indicated below. Fee amounts for individual stations may be obtained by accessing CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do> or viewing the stations at the website www.fccfees.com. If you have a commercial AM and FM radio station that is not listed, please contact the Financial Operations help desk at (877) 480-3201, Option #6, or (202) 418-1995.

Holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations for which a license to cover the construction permit had not been granted as of October 1, 2025, owe \$585 (AM) and \$1,025 (FM), for each construction permit held, regardless of station class or population served.

FY 2026 RADIO STATION REGULATORY FEES						
Population Served	AM Class A Payment Type Code & Fee	AM Class B Payment Type Code & Fee	AM Class C Payment Type Code & Fee	AM Class D Payment Type Code & Fee	FM Classes A, B1 & C3 Payment Type Code & Fee	FM Classes B, C, C0, C1 & C2 Payment Type Code & Fee
<=10,000	2659 \$560	2660 \$405	2661 \$350	2662 \$385	2663 \$615	2664 \$700
10,001 – 25,000	2617 \$935	2623 \$675	2629 \$585	2635 \$645	2641 \$1,025	2647 \$1,170
25,001 – 75,000	2618 \$1,405	2624 \$1,015	2630 \$880	2636 \$970	2642 \$1,540	2648 \$1,755
75,001 – 150,000	2619 \$2,105	2625 \$1,520	2631 \$1,315	2637 \$1,450	2643 \$2,305	2649 \$2,635
150,001 – 500,000	2620 \$3,160	2626 \$2,280	2632 \$1,975	2638 \$2,180	2644 \$3,465	2650 \$3,955
500,001 – 1,200,000	2621 \$4,730	2627 \$3,415	2633 \$2,960	2639 \$3,265	2645 \$5,185	2651 \$5,920
1,200,001 – 3,000,000	2622 \$7,105	2628 \$5,130	2634 \$4,445	2640 \$4,900	2646 \$7,790	2652 \$8,890
3,000,001 – 6,000,000	2679 \$10,650	2680 \$7,690	2681 \$6,665	2682 \$7,345	2683 \$11,675	2684 \$13,325
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Regulatory Fee Group or Category	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Construction Permit for New AM Station	\$585	2615
Construction Permit for New FM Station	\$1,025	2616
Broadcast Auxiliary Station License	No Fee	

VHF and UHF Full Service TV Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial VHF and UHF digital TV stations and holders of construction permits for new stations, provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2025, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2025.

Fee Requirement: Beginning in FY 2020, television regulatory fees have been calculated on the basis of population rather than on the basis of the Nielsen Designated Market Area (DMA). In FY 2026, the television population counts reflect 2020 U.S. Census data. For a complete listing of FY 2026 television regulatory fees by call sign, please visit the following website: <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/regulatory-fees>. The document to view is titled “Appendix F – FY 2026 Television Station Regulatory Fees by Call Sign” in the above website.

For holders of construction permits of new television stations for which a license had not been granted as of October 1, 2025, the fee is \$5,300 for digital television construction permits.

Commercial Digital Stations	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Television Fee Factor per population	\$0.007090	2610
Construction Permit for New Digital Station	\$5,300	2658
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	No Fee	

Note: Since television regulatory fees have now become a quantity-based fee, the television fee amount is calculated in CORES by multiplying the fee factor of \$0.007090 by a specified quantity. The “quantity” field in CORES represents the population count, which may be slightly different than what is listed in Appendix F of the *FY 2026 Regulatory Fees Report and Order* due to rounding. Also, there is no separate satellite television fee. Satellite television fees are calculated just like full-service television fees by multiplying the population count by the Television Fee Factor of \$0.007090.

Note: Beginning in FY 2013 and thereafter, the digital television fee category (UHF/VHF) and (the former) satellite TV fee category were assigned bill numbers.³ In FY 2026, the digital television fee category will not be assigned bill numbers.

³ A bill is considered an account receivable in the Commission’s accounting system. Bills reflect the amount owed and have a payment due date of the last day of the regulatory fee payment window. Consequently, if a bill is not paid by the due date, it becomes delinquent, a 25% penalty is immediately assessed on the delinquent fee debt, and the debt is subject to our debt collection procedures. See 47 CFR §§ 1.1161(c), 1.1164(c), 1.1910.

LPTV, TV Translators, FM Translators & FM Boosters

After the full power television digital conversion in 2009, a number of special TV translators (known as digital replacement translators) were licensed to full-service television stations to cover a part of the primary station's contour that was left unprotected. These translators did not extend the protected contour of the primary station, but operated within the same protected contour and provided the same programming as the primary station. Therefore, these TV translators were granted licenses under the same facility ID number and the same facility call sign as the primary station. Because these TV translators do not extend the coverage of the primary station, but operate solely within the primary station's protected contour, these special TV translators are deemed to be "replacement translators" and are not assessed a separate TV translator regulatory fee. We also note that there are no longer any licensed TV boosters following the transition of full power television stations to digital operations.

The Commission has established a category of "Class A TV" into which some LPTV stations were re-classified.⁴ Therefore, LPTV stations that were re-classified as Class A TV as of October 1, 2000, as well as existing LPTV stations licensed as of October 1, 2025, should pay the LPTV fee of \$265 for FY 2026.

The digital transition deadline for analog low power and TV translator stations was July 13, 2021, and some stations are still completing construction of their digital facilities. Because the digital transition for these services may not have been concluded by October 1, 2025, some of these facilities may still be in the process of transitioning from analog to digital service. During this period of transition, licensees of low power, Class A, and TV translator facilities may be operating in analog mode, in digital mode, or in an analog and digital simulcast mode. Therefore, for regulatory fee purposes, a fee will be assessed for each facility operating either in an analog or digital mode. In instances in which a licensee is simulcasting in both analog and digital modes, a single regulatory fee will be assessed for the analog facility and its corresponding digital component, but not for both facilities.

Who Must Pay: Holders of LPTV licenses, TV translator licenses, and FM translator and booster licenses granted on or before October 1, 2025, even if the license expired after October 1, 2025.

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

Type of License	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Low Power Television Station, Class A, TV Translator	\$265	2667
FM Translator/FM Booster	\$265	2668

Cable Television Systems

Who Must Pay: Cable television systems operating on October 1, 2025 must pay a regulatory fee per subscriber⁵ for all of the community units (CUIDs) in which they operate. Internet Protocol TV (IPTV) and Direct Broadcast Satellites (DBS) subscribers are to be included in the Cable Television Systems fee

⁴ See *Establishment of a Class A TV Service*, MM Docket No. 00-10, Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 6355 (2000).

⁵ Number of Subscribers in a Community Unit = Number of single family dwellings + Number of individual households in multiple dwelling units (e.g., apartments, condominiums mobile home parks, etc.) paying at the basic subscriber rate + Number of bulk-rate customers + Number of courtesy and free service. (Note: Bulk-Rate Customers = total annual bulk rate charge ÷ basic annual subscription rate for individual households).

category and assessed a regulatory fee at the same rate as cable television fees.⁶ Cable television system operators and licensees of Cable TV Relay Service (CARS) facilities must pay a regulatory fee if they were operating or held a CARS license on October 1, 2025, even if a facility's license expired after October 1, 2025. In instances where a license or authorization is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2025, 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.

Fee Requirement: For cable, IPTV & DBS providers, the number of basic cable subscribers that were served on December 31, 2025 should be used as the basis from which to calculate the fee payment. Regulatory fees should be paid with a single line aggregate total in CORES without having to list your individual CUIDs. CARS licensees owe regulatory fees per license owned, and should individually list each of their CARS call signs when submitting payment.

Note: CARS licensees will not receive a pre-completed regulatory fee bill (FCC Form 159-B) in the mail for their CARS licenses. A regulatory fee bill will be created, but this bill will be available for viewing only by accessing the CORES System. CARS licensees are also required to make regulatory fee payments for all other non-billed holdings, such as cable systems and other fee services.

The following chart provides the fees due for FY 2026.

TYPE OF FEE	REGULATORY FEE PAYMENT	PAYMENT TYPE CODE
Cable System Subscriber Fee, Including IPTV and DBS Subscribers Note: DBS providers should pay their fees using PTC Code 2671, not 2692	\$1.60 per subscriber	2671
CARS License	\$1,955 per license	2670

FEE EXEMPTION CLAIMS

Exempt facilities are required to submit to the Commission a copy of the documentation that proves their fee-exempt status. Acceptable documentation may include a copy of an IRS determination letter showing the IRS section 501(c) tax exemption status, state or government certifications, or proof of the station's noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast status at the Commission. For additional information on exemptions, please see *FY 2026 Regulatory Fees, General Exemptions* at <http://www.fcc.gov/regfees>. Documentation must be received by the due date of September 24, 2026. To claim a fee exemption, email your documentation to the Commission at RegFeesOEA@fcc.gov

MANDATORY USE OF THE COMMISSION REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CORES)

All regulatory fee payors are required to use CORES for fee filing and payment via Automated Clearing House (ACH), credit card or Visa or MasterCard debit card. Licensees and regulatees must first enter CORES with a valid username and password at: <https://apps2.fcc.gov/fccUserReg/pages/login.htm>, and follow the online prompts to review their data and submit an electronic fee payment. **The use of CORES to pay regulatory fees is mandatory, and payments in the form of checks, money orders, and**

⁶ See *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013*, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 12351, 12363, para. 33 (*FY 2013 Report and Order*).

cashier's checks will not be accepted.⁷ To make a wire transfer payment, please enter CORES and submit your fee information, and then complete and fax your financial institution's wire cover memo and an electronic FCC Form 159 (or equivalent) to the Commission at (202) 418-2843, or send an e-mail to RROGWIREFAXES@fcc.gov at least one hour before initiating the wire transfer (but on the same business day) so as not to delay crediting the account. Please include your **FRN, Voucher Number, Payer Name, and the Amount of the Wire** in the wire cover memo to assist us in posting your payment quickly, and to avoid costly delays that could result in penalties and interest for missing the payment due date. Please see the following link, <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/wire-transfer>, for information on initiating a wire transfer. Please note that most wire transfers initiated after 6:00 p.m. (EDT) will be credited the next business day. Please also note that ACH, credit card and debit card transactions could take several days for payment to be transferred from a financial institution to the Commission. **Therefore, any automated notification you receive from the Commission or Pay.gov following submission of your payment is an acknowledgement of submission, and not an acknowledgement that the funds have been received by the Commission. As a precaution, fee payors should always check their bank statements or with their banks to ensure that the funds have actually been transferred to the Commission by the regulatory fee payment due date.**

DE MINIMIS REGULATORY FEE LEVEL

Regulatees whose total FY 2026 annual regulatory fee liability, including all categories of regulatory fees for which payment is due, is \$1,000 or less are exempt from payment of FY 2026 regulatory fees. Thus, if the sum total of all annual FY 2026 regulatory fees is \$1,000 or less, your fees are considered de minimis, and you do not have to pay FY 2026 regulatory fees. If your fees are de minimis, you will not need to report this exemption to the Commission. The de minimis threshold applies only to filers of annual regulatory fees (not regulatory fees paid through multi-year wireless filings), and it is not a permanent exemption. Rather, each regulatee will need to re-evaluate and re-calculate its regulatory fee liability each year in order to determine whether they meet the de minimis exemption established by the Commission's annual regulatory fee order. Regulatees are responsible for calculating their total fee obligation to determine whether they qualify for this de minimis exemption. The Commission reserves the right to request documentation that supports a de minimis exemption claim.

LIMITATIONS ON CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with *Treasury Financial Manual*, Volume I, Part 5, Chapter 7000, Section 7055.20, *Transaction Maximums*, the highest amount that can be charged on a credit card for transactions with federal agencies is \$24,999.99.⁸ Transactions greater than \$24,999.99 will be rejected. This limit applies to single payments or bundled payments of more than one bill. Multiple transactions to a single agency in one day may be aggregated and treated as a single transaction subject to the \$24,999.99 limit. Customers who wish to pay an amount greater than \$24,999.99 should consider available electronic alternatives such as Visa or MasterCard debit cards, ACH debits from a bank account, and wire transfers. Each of these payment options is

⁷ Payors should note that this change will mean that entities that have previously paid both regulatory fees and application fees at the same time by paper check will no longer be able to do so because regulatory fees payments by paper check will no longer be accepted.

⁸ Customers who owe an amount on a bill, debt, or other obligation due to the federal government are prohibited from splitting the total amount due into multiple payments. Splitting an amount owed into several payment transactions violates the credit card network and the Bureau of Fiscal Service rules. An amount owed that exceeds the \$24,999.99 maximum, may not be split into two or more payment transactions in the same day by using one or multiple cards. Also, an amount owed that exceeds the \$24,999.99 maximum may not be split into two or more transactions over multiple days by using one or more cards. *Treasury Financial Manual*, Volume I, part 5, Chapter 7000, Section 7055.30, *Prohibition on Splitting Transactions*.

available after submitting regulatory fee information through CORES. Further details will be provided regarding payment methods and procedures at the time of FY 2026 regulatory fee collection in Fact Sheets, available at <https://www.fcc.gov/regfees>.

Regulatory fee payments that exceed the U.S. Treasury limit and are rejected by Treasury, causing a payment not to meet the required payment deadline, will be subject to interest, fees, and a 25% late payment penalty.

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