



REGULATORY FEES

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FACT SHEET

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WHAT YOU OWE – MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES

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, 2002. Licensees who did not begin providing services prior to October 1, 2002 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, 2002, 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, 2002.

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, 2002. AM and FM radio stations are divided into 42 fee groups. The fee amount may be obtained 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, 2002, will be assessed \$455 (AM) or \$1,850 (FM) fee for each permit held, regardless of station class or population served.

FY 2003 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	0317 \$600	0323 \$450	0329 \$325	0335 \$400	0341 \$475	0347 \$625
25,001 - 75,000	0318 \$1200	0324 \$900	0330 \$475	0336 \$600	0342 \$950	0348 \$1,100
75,001 - 150,000	0319 \$1,800	0325 \$1,125	0331 \$650	0337 \$1,000	0343 \$1,300	0349 \$2,025
150,001 - 500,000	0320 \$2,700	0326 \$1,925	0332 \$975	0338 \$1,200	0344 \$2,025	0350 \$2,650
500,001 - 1,200,000	0321 \$3,900	0327 \$2,925	0333 \$1,625	0339 \$2,000	0345 \$3,200	0351 \$3,900
1,200,001 - 3,000,000	0322 \$6,000	0328 \$4,500	0334 \$2,450	0340 \$3,200	0346 \$5,225	0352 \$6,250
>3,000,000	0379 \$7,200	0380 \$5,400	0381 \$3,100	0382 \$4,000	0383 \$6,650	0384 \$8,125

Regulatory Fee Group or Category	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Broadcast Auxiliary Station License	\$10	0369
Construction Permit for New AM Station	\$455	0315
Construction Permit for New FM Station	\$1,850	0316

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, 2002. 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, 2002, will be assessed \$4,625 (VHF), \$8,300 (UHF), or \$515 (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 2003 Edition of the Television & Cable Factbook, Stations Volume No. 71, Warren Publishing, Inc. Fees will be assessed as follows:

Commercial VHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10:	\$57,650	0353
Markets 11-25:	\$43,225	0354
Markets 26-50:	\$30,125	0355
Markets 51-100:	\$18,075	0356
Remaining Markets:	\$4,450	0357
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	0369
Construction Permits:	\$4,625	0358

Commercial UHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10:	\$15,850	0359
Markets 11-25:	\$12,875	0360
Markets 26-50:	\$8,075	0361
Markets 51-100:	\$4,975	0362
Remaining Markets:	\$1,425	0363
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	0369
Construction Permits:	\$8,300	0364
Satellite TV Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
All Markets:	\$1,000	0365
Construction Permits:	\$515	0366

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, 2002, should pay the LPTV fee of \$365 for FY 2003.

Who Must Pay: Holders LPTV, TV translator and booster licenses, and FM translator and booster licenses whose license was granted before October 1, 2002.

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	\$365	0367
FM Translator/FM Booster	\$365	0368

Special Instructions for Completing FCC Forms 159 & 159-C

In addition to the general FCC 159 filing instructions in the *FY 2003 Regulatory Fees Public Notice*, 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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