

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approved by the Australian Communications and Media Authority

Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005

Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022

Authority

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (**the ACMA**) has made the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022* (**the instrument**) under subsection 60(1) of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* (**the Act**).

Subsection 60(1) of the Act provides that the ACMA may, by written instrument, make determinations fixing charges for services provided by the ACMA and in relation to any matter in relation to which expenses are incurred by the ACMA under various Acts (or instruments made under those Acts), including the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* (**the Radiocommunications Act**). The charges must not be such as to amount to taxation.

Subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* relevantly provides that where an Act confers a power to make a legislative instrument, the power shall be construed as including a power exercisable in the like manner, and subject to the like conditions (if any), to repeal, rescind, revoke, amend or vary any such instrument. The instrument repeals the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2017* (**the 2017 Determination**).

Purpose and operation of the instrument

The instrument specifies the charges payable to the ACMA for considering and processing applications for the issue and renewal of a range of licences as well as charges payable for other services provided by the ACMA, or for expenses incurred by the ACMA, under the Act, the Radiocommunications Act and instruments made under the Radiocommunications Act.

The instrument repeals and remakes the 2017 Determination, and sets out new charges, following a review of charges imposed by the ACMA. Increases in charges have generally been made to reflect changes that have been made to the ACMA's standard hourly rates. The new hourly rates were established by taking the net cost of services of the ACMA's business units for the 2020-21 financial year, including an attribution of all corporate and support costs, and dividing this cost by the total number of productive hours worked by staff providing direct services. In addition, some charges have been removed, due to changes in the services provided by the ACMA. The ACMA undertook a comprehensive review of all existing fees for radiocommunications, telecommunications and broadcasting services to ensure the cost recovery fees and the methodology used to calculate them, continue to remain relevant. The changes also include new radiocommunications fees for services resulting from amendments made by the *Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Act 2020* (**the Reform Act**) to the Radiocommunications Act. The amendments made by the Reform Act also resulted in changes to some existing radiocommunications fees including new fees for assessing applications for permits or exemptions for banned equipment, non-standard and unlabelled devices, and changes to the fees relating to accreditation.

A provision-by-provision description of the instrument is set out in the notes at **Attachment A**. A more detailed explanation for the various charges is set out at **Attachment B**, including an explanation for any variance between the charges in the instrument and those in the 2017 Determination.

The instrument is a disallowable legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislation Act 2003* (the LA).

Documents incorporated by reference

The instrument incorporates the following Acts and legislative instruments (including by the adoption of definitions), or otherwise refers to them:

- the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*;
- the Act;
- the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*;
- the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*;
- the LA;
- the *Radiocommunications Accreditation (General) Rules 2021*;
- the Radiocommunications Act;
- the *Radiocommunications (Allocation of Transmitter Licences – High Powered Open Narrowcasting Licences) Determination 2014*;
- the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021*;
- the *Radiocommunications (Exemption) Determination 2021*;
- the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2015*;
- the *Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Broadcasting Licence) Determination 2015*;
- the *Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act 1983*;
- the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act 1983*;
- the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Regulations 1985*; and
- the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983*.

The Acts and legislative instruments listed above may be accessed, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation (<http://www.legislation.gov.au>). The Acts listed above are incorporated as in force from time to time, in accordance with section 10 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* and subsection 13(1) of the LA. The legislative instruments listed above are incorporated as in force from time to time, in accordance with section 6 of the instrument and subsection 14(1) of the LA.

The instrument also incorporates the following documents:

- the *Radio Regulations* published by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and available from the ITU website: <https://www.itu.int>.
- the *Radiocommunications Assignment and Licensing Instruction (RALI) MS22 400 MHz Plan (RALI MS22 400 MHz Plan)*, published by the ACMA. The RALI MS22 400 MHz Plan is available, free of charge, on the ACMA website at <https://www.acma.gov.au>.

The documents listed above are incorporated as in force at the time the instrument commences, in accordance with section 6 of the instrument and subsection 14(1) of the LA.

Consultation

Before the instrument was made, the ACMA was satisfied that consultation was undertaken to the extent appropriate and reasonably practicable, in accordance with section 17 of the LA.

The ACMA has consulted with the public, including industry stakeholders, on the making of the instrument. Between 27 June 2022 and 25 July 2022, the ACMA conducted a consultation process inviting submissions on a number of proposed changes to fees for services determined under various cost recovery arrangements, including the instrument. The consultation was facilitated through the

release of a consultation package which included various draft instruments, including the instrument, and a draft Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (**CRIS**) on the ACMA's website.

The consultation package outlined a number of proposed changes in relation to the instrument. The CRIS outlined all of the proposed fees and charges in the instrument, any differences between the instrument and the 2017 Determination and sought comments on the proposed new charges.

The ACMA received five submissions in response to the consultation paper. One of the submissions commented on the proposed increase to fees relating to amateur licences. The ACMA noted that the proposed increase in fees should not impact amateur and marine radio examinations as the Australian Maritime College undertakes those examinations on behalf of the ACMA and the charges set by the instrument only apply in the event the ACMA is called on to provide such examinations. Copies of the submissions are available on the ACMA website.

No substantial changes were made to the instrument as a result of the consultation undertaken.

Regulatory impact assessment

A preliminary assessment of the proposal to make the instrument was conducted by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (**OBPR**) based on information provided by the ACMA for the purposes of determining whether a Regulation Impact Statement (**RIS**) would be required. OBPR considered that the proposal was unlikely to have more than a minor regulatory impact on the business involved and advised that the preparation of a RIS was not required (see OBPR reference number 22-01877).

Statement of compatibility with human rights

Subsection 9(1) of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* requires the rule-maker in relation to a legislative instrument to which section 42 (disallowance) of the LA applies to cause a statement of compatibility to be prepared in respect of that legislative instrument.

The statement of compatibility set out below has been prepared to meet that requirement.

Overview of the instrument

Subsection 60(1) of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* (**the Act**) provides that the ACMA may, by written instrument, make determinations fixing charges for services provided by the ACMA and for any matter in relation to which expenses are incurred by the ACMA under various Acts, including the Radiocommunications Act. A charge must not be such as to amount to taxation. The instrument revokes and replaces the 2017 Determination. The purpose of the instrument is to implement the results of a review of radiocommunications fees and charges. The majority of the charges in the instrument relate to the issue, variation or renewal of apparatus licences.

Human rights implications

The ACMA has assessed whether the instrument is compatible with human rights, being the rights and freedoms recognised or declared by the international instruments listed in subsection 3(1) of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* as they apply to Australia.

Having considered the likely impact of the instrument and the nature of the applicable rights and freedoms, the ACMA has formed the view that the instrument does not engage any of those rights or freedoms.

Conclusion

The instrument is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.

Notes to the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022*

Part 1–Preliminary

Section 1 Name

This section provides for the instrument to be cited as the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2022* (**the instrument**).

Section 2 Commencement

This section provides for the instrument to commence on 1 October 2022.

The instrument will be registered on the Federal Register of Legislation which may be accessed free of charge at www.legislation.gov.au.

Section 3 Authority

This section identifies the provision that authorises the making of the instrument, namely subsection 60(1) of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* (**the Act**).

Section 4 Repeal of the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2017*

This section provides that the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2017* (F2017L00328) is repealed.

Section 5 Definitions

This section defines a number of key terms used throughout the instrument.

The term ‘the ACMA’ is defined in the Act. In accordance with section 64 of the Act, a number of other expressions in this instrument have the same meaning as in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2015* and these are listed in Note 2 to section 5.

Section 6 References to other instruments

This section provides that in the instrument, unless the contrary intention appears:

- a reference to any other legislative instrument is a reference to that other legislative instrument as in force from time to time; and
- a reference to any other kind of instrument is a reference to that other instrument as in force at the commencement of the instrument.

Part 2 – Charges relating to functions under the Radiocommunications Act

Section 7 Purpose

This section outlines the legislative basis for the charges specified in the instrument (namely, section 60 of the Act) and provides that the purpose of the instrument is to fix charges that are to be applied in relation to:

- (a) services provided by the ACMA; and
- (b) expenses incurred by the ACMA in performing its functions or exercising its powers under the Radiocommunications Act and instruments made under that Act.

Section 8 Charges

This section provides that, subject to sections 13, 14 and 15, the charge mentioned in column 3 of an item of a Table in Schedule 1 is the charge fixed for:

- (a) provision of a service mentioned in column 2 of that item; or
- (b) the matter in column 2 of the item in relation to which expenses are incurred.

Subsection 8(2) provides that if GST is applicable to any of the services or matters mentioned in the instrument, the corresponding charges specified are inclusive of GST.

Sections 13, 14 and 15 of the instrument specify certain charges, relating to the processing of apparatus licences in certain circumstances, where payments are made by instalments, as described further below.

Section 9 Hourly rates of charge

This section specifies the hourly rates of charge (including special hourly rates of charge) for providing a service or matter to which the hourly rate applies, rounded in accordance with section 16.

Section 10 By whom and when is a charge payable?

This section sets out by whom and when charges are payable for a service or matter specified in sections 12 to 15 and Schedule 1 to the instrument.

For services or matters mentioned in section 12 of the instrument, the charge is payable by the person for whom the service is provided, or expense incurred, and is payable on the issue to that person of an invoice for the charge.

Charges for services or matters mentioned in sections 13, 14 or 15 of the instrument are payable by the holder of the licence to which the charge relates and are payable at the same time at which the tax to which the charge relates is payable under the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act 1983*.

Where a charge relates to an application made to the ACMA, the application charge is generally payable by the applicant when the application is made. Charges relating to the issue of an apparatus licence or the variation to a licence is payable by the person making the application or the request for the licence or variation, when:

- (a) the licence or variation to a licence is issued; or
- (b) the application for the issue of the licence or variation to a licence is refused, or taken to have been refused; or
- (c) the application for the issue of the licence or variation to a licence is withdrawn after consideration of the application by the ACMA has begun.

Section 10 also specifies by whom and when charges for examinations, and other specified services or matters are payable.

Section 11 Persons who are not required to pay certain charges

This section sets out that persons who are exempt from the payment of tax in respect of apparatus licences under regulations made under the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act 1983* are not required to pay any charges in relation to the issue, renewal or transfer of an apparatus licence mentioned in the instrument.

At the time the instrument was made, section 5 of the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Regulations 1985* specified the persons exempt from payment of tax in respect of apparatus licences.

Section 12 General service charge

Subsection 12(1) provides that where a charge may be fixed under section 60 of the Act for a service that has been provided by the ACMA, but no charge has been determined in either the instrument or any other instrument made by the ACMA, the charge payable for the service is the hourly rate.

Subsection 12(2) provides that where the ACMA incurs expenses in relation to a matter under the Radiocommunications Act, the Act or any other instrument made under those Acts and no charges have been determined in any other section of the instrument, or in any other determination made under section 60 of the Act, the charge payable for the matter is the cost incurred plus GST.

Subsection 60(3) of the Act provides that section 60 of the Act does not apply to services or facilities provided under contract. Subsection 12(3) provides that section 12 does not apply to a service or matter provided by the ACMA on a commercial basis as part of the ACMA's additional functions under section 11 of the Act. These additional functions include the provision of services or facilities, on behalf of the Commonwealth under a contract made by the Commonwealth, that relate to radiocommunications. Subsection 12(3) has been drafted to exclude a general service charge from being imposed on services or facilities provided under such contracts.

Section 13 Assigned apparatus licence — administrative charges for instalment payments

This section outlines the charge for processing the payment of an instalment of tax for a person who:

- applies for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence mentioned in Tables 1, 2, 3 or 4 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the instrument, or the renewal of an assigned apparatus licence mentioned in Table 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the instrument; and
- has elected that subsection 6(3) of a Tax Act is to apply to the licence.

The Tax Acts are defined in section 5 of the Determination to mean either the *Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act 1983* or the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983*.

This section outlines the charge for processing the payment of an instalment of tax in accordance with the election.

Section 14 Non assigned apparatus licence — administrative charges for instalment payments

This section outlines the charge for processing the payment of an instalment of tax for a person who:

- applies for the issue of a non assigned apparatus licence mentioned in Table 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the instrument or the renewal of a non assigned apparatus licence mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the instrument; and
- has elected that subsection 6(3) of a Tax Act is to apply to the licence.

The Tax Acts are defined in section 5 of the Determination to mean either the *Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act 1983* or the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983*.

Subsections 14(3), (4) and (5) apply in circumstances where a person has made an election under subsection 6(4), 6(5) or 6(6) of a Tax Act and describe how the charges applicable to those persons are to be calculated. Subsection 14(6) specifies that the minimum charge is \$4.

Section 15 PTS licences — administrative charges for instalment payments

This section outlines the charges for processing the payment of an instalment of tax for a person who applies for the issue or renewal of a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) or PTS licence (PMTS Class C)

where the person has elected that subsection 6(3) of a Tax Act is to apply to issue or renewal of the licence.

Section 16 Rounding of amounts

This section describes how amounts are to be rounded, if required.

Section 17 Remote and supplementary stations

Subsection 17(1) provides that items in Schedule 1 that relate to a licence for the operation of a station or stations in a particular class also apply to a licence that authorises the operation of a station or stations in the class, and remote or supplementary stations.

Subsection 17(2) relates to licences that authorise the operation of remote or supplementary stations on transmit frequencies that are the same as the receive frequency of a principal station or stations. Subsection (2) provides that where charges are imposed in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 1 and section 13 on the issue or renewal of a licence on an assigned basis, the authorisation of the operation of the remote or supplementary stations is to be disregarded.

A remote station is defined in section 5 of the instrument to include a station referred to in a licence as a remote control station.

Part 3 – Transitional arrangements

Part 3 of the instrument sets out the transitional arrangements that apply as a result of the repeal of the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2017 (the previous determination)* and the commencement of the instrument.

Section 18 Definitions

This section defines terms used in Part 3 of the instrument. The ‘commencement day’ is defined as the day the instrument commences, and the term ‘previous determination’ is defined to be the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2017* as in force immediately before its repeal.

Section 19 Transitional arrangements – where a request for a service mentioned in Schedule 1 is made before commencement day

Section 19 sets out the transitional arrangements that apply where a request for certain services mentioned in Schedule 1 to the instrument is made by a person before the day on which the instrument commences (**the commencement day**). The section deals with charges that are based on the hourly rate, which has changed from the rates specified in the previous determination.

The provisions state that if before the commencement day, a person makes a request for a service mentioned in any of the provisions listed in subsections 19(1) and (2) of the instrument, the charge for the service is to be based on the hourly rate set out in items 1 or 4 of Schedule 1 to the previous determination, whichever applies.

Section 20 Transitional arrangements – applications to file a satellite system with the ITU before commencement day

Section 20 sets out the transitional rules that apply to applications to file a satellite system with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) before the commencement day. Subsection 20(1) relates to the application charge payable under item 6.1.1 of Schedule 1 to the instrument and provides that if an application is made before the commencement day, the charge for the services mentioned in item 6.1.1 of Schedule 1 to the instrument is the charge specified in item 5.1(a) of Schedule 2 to the previous determination. Similarly, subsection 20(2) relates to the charges specified

in items 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 of Schedule 1 to the instrument and provides that if an application is made before the commencement day, the applicable charges are based on the hourly rate of charge set out in item 1 of Schedule 1 to the previous determination.

Section 21 Transitional arrangements – request to vary a spectrum licence

Section 21 provides that despite the repeal of the previous determination, if a person makes a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications Act (item 5.1.1 of Schedule 1 to the instrument) before the commencement day, the charge for the service is the charge set out in item 11.5 of Schedule 2 to the previous determination.

Section 22 Transitional arrangements – adjacent services listing and frequency scan report

Section 22 provides that despite the repeal of the previous determination, if a person makes a request for a service mentioned in item 7.2.5 or 7.2.6 of Schedule 1 (to supply an adjacent services listing or a frequency scan report) before the commencement day, the charge for the service is the charge set out in item 10.5 of Schedule 2 to the previous determination.

Schedule 1 – Charges

Schedule 1 lists the charges payable for a service or matter mentioned in an item of a table in the Schedule. Attachment B contains a table that sets out each charge specified in Schedule 1 to the instrument, notes any difference between the charge in the instrument and that in the previous determination and provides an explanation for the difference.

Part 1 Charges payable for device testing

Item 1.1.1 of Table 1 of Part 1 outlines the charge payable by a person other than a member of a police force of a State or Territory or the Australian Federal Police, for the testing of radiocommunications devices (other than a device that is subject to a permanent ban) for compliance with the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* (**the Radiocommunications Act**) and instruments made under that Act. The ACMA has not traditionally charged State or Territory police forces or the Australian Federal Police for the testing of radiocommunications devices which are subject to a permanent ban and has decided to specifically exempt such persons from the charge payable for device testing.

The ACMA may, under section 172 of the Radiocommunications Act, impose a permanent ban on equipment or devices of a specified kind. Such devices are not intended to be tested under this item and have been excluded from the charge under Item 1.1.1.

Part 2 Charges relating to apparatus licences

Table 1 outlines the charges for considering an application for the issue of assigned apparatus licences under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act, where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate (**FAC**) issued by an accredited person. The charge applies whether the licence is issued or not. An assigned apparatus licence is an apparatus licence that specifies the frequency on which, or frequency range within which, a radiocommunications device may operate, but does not include a category 1 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence, category 2 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence or a category 3 digital radio multiplex transmitter licence.

Table 2 outlines the charges for considering an application for the issue of assigned apparatus licences under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act, where the application is not accompanied by a FAC. Depending on the type of apparatus licence, charges are payable either per licence or per spectrum access, as specified in the table. The charge applies whether the licence is issued or not.

Table 3 outlines the charge for considering an application to participate in a price-based allocation of a high power open narrowcasting (HPON) licence, in accordance with the *Radiocommunications (Allocation of Transmitter Licences – High Powered Open Narrowcasting Licences) Determination 2014*.

Table 4 outlines the charges relating to the consideration of applications for the issue of standard area-wide licences or an area-wide licence that includes a condition that only authorises the operation of a fixed earth station. The charges for standard area-wide licences vary depending on whether, in considering the application, the ACMA is required to assess the application against an application for an area-wide licence by another person or not. If the ACMA is required to assess the application against other applications, the applicant is required to pay a charge of \$847 at the time the application is made, and further charges, calculated using the formula in item 2.4.4 payable on invoice.

Table 5 outlines the charge applicable for considering an application for the issue of non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable). A non assigned apparatus licence means an apparatus licence which does not specify the frequency on which, or frequency range within which, a radiocommunications device authorised by the licence may operate. The frequencies on which a radiocommunications device authorised by a non assigned apparatus licence may operate are specified in a licence condition determination, made under section 110A of the Radiocommunications Act, that applies to the licence.

Item 2.6.1 of Table 6 outlines the charge applicable for considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non assigned apparatus licence that does not include a renewal statement or a renewal application period statement (as defined in section 5 of the instrument) and renewing it (if applicable), where:

- (a) the application for renewal;
- (b) payment of the charge specified in column 3; and
- (c) payment of the tax imposed on the issue of the licence under a Tax Act;

are received while the licence is in force or within 60 days after the expiry date of the licence.

For some licences, the charge specified in column 3 is payable per licence and for others, per spectrum access (that is, for each frequency assigned, or requested for assignment).

Item 2.6.2 of Table 6 provides that the charge applicable for considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non assigned apparatus licence that includes a renewal statement or a renewal application period statement (as defined in section 5 of the instrument) and renewing it (if applicable), is the hourly rate.

Table 7 outlines the charges applicable for considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an assigned licence or a non assigned licence (and varying it if applicable).

Table 8 outlines the charge applicable for consideration of an application for the transfer of one or more apparatus licences under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act, and transferring the licence if applicable.

Part 3 Charges for permits, certificates or exemptions

Table 1 outlines the charge applicable for consideration of an application for a provisional international broadcasting certificate made under section 131AE of Radiocommunications Act.

Table 2 outlines the charges applicable for considering an application for the issue of a permit which authorises the actions specified in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b), (c) and/or (d) of the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021* (relating to the operation, possession and supply of certain devices) and issuing the permit, if applicable. Charges vary depending on the type of permit being applied for

and on whether the application is for the first issue of a permit or an application by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind.

Table 3 outlines the charges applicable for:

- (a) consideration of an application made under clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the *Radiocommunications (Exemption) Determination 2021 (the Exemption Determination)* for the making of a notifiable instrument naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination (whether or not the application is granted) – item 3.3.1); and
- (b) making a notifiable instrument (*new instrument*) under subclause 1(1) of Schedule 1 to the Exemption Determination naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination, where a notifiable instrument (*previous instrument*) has already been made naming the same person, and the new instrument is made either while the previous instrument is still in force, or within 3 months after the previous instrument has ceased to be in force (item 3.3.2).

Part 4 Charges for examinations

This Part outlines the charges for conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency of a kind mentioned in the Part.

Part 5 Charges relating to spectrum licences

This Part outlines the charges relating to considering a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications Act, and for processing registration of an assignment of all or part of a spectrum licence under section 86 of the Radiocommunications Act.

Part 6 Charges relating to satellite filing and coordination

This Part outlines the charges relating to ITU satellite filing and coordination work. Charges vary depending on whether the ACMA has previously filed an application for a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant, or not. Further, a charge is payable in respect of the initial assessment and consultation with applicant in relation to an application, and for the further work involved in completing the assessment of an application. The ACMA also charges a fee, based on the hourly rate, for work undertaken by the ACMA in support of existing or proposed Australian satellite systems (excluding any work done under items 6.1.1, 6.1.2 or 6.1.3 of Part 6 of Schedule 1).

Part 7 Charges relating to miscellaneous services/matters

Table 1 outlines the charge for issuing a duplicate document of any kind or, where such duplicate document cannot be issued, a letter of confirmation.

Table 2 outlines the charges for various radiofrequency assignment and licensing services provided by the ACMA, including for technical radiofrequency services; services provided by field officers (other than the performance of the ACMA's additional functions under paragraph 11(1)(c) of the Act); the provision of technical radiofrequency services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station; the supply of an adjacent services listing or frequency scan report; and for investigating the cause of interference to radio or television broadcasting reception or the operation of a radiocommunications device in particular circumstances. These charges are based on the hourly rate or special hourly rate A.

Table 3 outlines the charges applicable for assessing an application for a General Licensing Accreditation or a Specific Licensing Accreditation (as defined in section 5 of the instrument) under the *Radiocommunications Accreditation (General) Rules 2021*.

Table 4 outlines the charges relating to the establishment and maintenance of a credit account, which means a facility provided by the ACMA to enable credit account holders to pay radiocommunications charges on credit terms.

Attachment B

| <i>Radiocommunications Charges Determination 2022</i> | | | | | | |
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| | Item being charged | Relevant provision of instrument | Fees pre-commencement | Fees post commencement | Variance increase/ (decrease) | Reason for increase/decrease |
| 1 | Testing (on request by a person other than a member of a police force of a State or Territory or the Australian Federal Police) of radiocommunications devices (other than a device that is subject to a permanent ban) for compliance with the <i>Radiocommunications Act 1992</i> (the Radiocommunications Act) and instruments made under that Act | Schedule 1 Part 1 Table 1 (Item 1.1.1) | N/A | Special hourly rate B | N/A | This new fee applies to testing undertaken for a person other than the AFP and State or Territory Police |
| 2 | Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence (other than a licence of a type mentioned in item 2.1.2), where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person | Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.1) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 26.00 per spectrum access | -74% | The decrease results from improvements in the ACMA's spectrum management system. |

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| 3 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) earth licence (fixed earth station);</p> <p>(b) earth licence (mobile earth station);</p> <p>(c) space licence;</p> <p>(d) space receive licence</p> | Part 2 Table 1 (Item 2.1.2) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 102.00 per spectrum access | 0% | No significant change |
| 4 | <p>Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) amateur licence (amateur beacon station)</p> <p>(b) amateur licence (amateur repeater station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.1) | \$ 29.00 | \$ 177.00 per licence | 510% | This activity was previously under recovered and now reflects the actual effort taken to provide the service |

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| 5 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a land mobile licence (ambulatory station), where:</p> <p>(a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and</p> <p>(b) in considering the issue of the licence, the ACMA does not perform coordination procedures to minimise the risk of interference</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.2) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 444.00 per spectrum access | 192% | The revised costs are based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 6 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a land mobile licence (ambulatory station) or land mobile licence (ambulatory system), where:</p> <p>(a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and</p> <p>(b) in considering the issue of the licence, the ACMA performs coordination procedures to minimise the risk of interference</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.3) | \$ 505.00 | \$ 471.00 per spectrum access | -7% | The revised costs are based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |

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| 7 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) fixed licence (point to multipoint station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (a)) | \$ 606.00 | \$ 471.00 per spectrum access | -22% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 8 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) fixed licence (point to multipoint system)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (b)) | \$ 606.00 | \$ 471.00 per spectrum access | -22% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 9 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(c) fixed licence (point to multipoint – land mobile spectrum)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (c)) | \$ 404.00 | \$ 471.00 per spectrum access | 17% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 10 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(d) fixed licence (point to point station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (d)) | \$ 505.00 | \$ 471.00 per spectrum access | -7% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 11 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(e) fixed licence (900 MHz studio to transmitter link station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.4 (e)) | \$ 505.00 | \$ 471.00 per spectrum access | -7% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 12 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) land mobile licence (land mobile system greater than 30 MHz)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (a)) | \$ 606.00 | \$ 482.00 per spectrum access | -20% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 13 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) land mobile licence (CB repeater station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (b)) | \$ 354.00 | \$ 482.00 per spectrum access | 36% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 14 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(c) radiodetermination licence</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (c)) | \$ 354.00 | \$ 482.00 per spectrum access | 36% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 15 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(d) fixed licence (television outside broadcast station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.5 (d)) | \$ 303.00 | \$ 482.00 per spectrum access | 59% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 16 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) land mobile licence (land mobile system 0 -30 MHz)</p> | Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (a)) | \$ 606.00 | \$ 490.00 per spectrum access | -19% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 17 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) land mobile licence (PABX cordless telephone service)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (b)) | \$ 253.00 | \$ 490.00 per spectrum access | 94% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 18 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(c) land mobile licence (paging system - exterior)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (c)) | \$ 354.00 | \$ 490.00 per spectrum access | 38% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 19 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(d) land mobile licence (paging system - interior paging)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (d)) | \$ 303.00 | \$ 490.00 per spectrum access | 62% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 20 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(e) maritime coast licence (limited coast assigned system)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.6 (e)) | \$ 354.00 | \$ 490.00 per spectrum access | 38% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 21 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) aeronautical licence (aeronautical assigned system station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7 (a)) | \$ 354.00 | \$ 500.00 per spectrum access | 41% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 22 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) fixed receive licence</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7 (b)) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 500.00 per spectrum access | 395% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 23 | Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) broadcasting licence (high frequency) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.7 (c)) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 500.00 per spectrum access | 395% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 24 | Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a scientific licence (scientific assigned station), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.8) | \$ 606.00 | \$ 520.00 per spectrum access | -14% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 25 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) earth licence (fixed earth station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.9 (a)) | \$ 303.00 | \$ 546.00 per spectrum access | 80% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 26 | <p>Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) earth licence (mobile earth station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.9 (b)) | \$ 202.00 | \$ 546.00 per spectrum access | 170% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 27 | Considering each frequency assignment requested in an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of a narrowband area service station licence, where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.10) | \$ 606.00 \$ 404.00 | \$ 565.00 per spectrum access | -7% 40% | There were previously two charges relating to narrowband area service station licences, based on the frequency range within which the licence was authorised to operate. As the processes undertaken for the coordination are similar, a single fee has been proposed for both services. Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 28 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act (other than a licence referred to in item 2.2.12) and issuing it (if applicable), where:</p> <p>(a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate;</p> <p>(b) the application is one of a group of 2 or more applications all of which relate to an event with a duration of less than 2 weeks;</p> <p>(c) all the applications in the group are made at the same time;</p> <p>(d) all the applications are processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure; and</p> <p>(e) the licences are to be issued on the basis that the use of the licences:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) is not to cause interference, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) will not be afforded protection from interference caused by other services</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.11) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 500.00 per licence | 395% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 29 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of an assigned apparatus licence under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act and issuing it (if applicable), where:</p> <p>(a) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate;</p> <p>(b) the application is one of a group of 2 or more applications all of which relate to military or other defence manoeuvres involving simulated wartime operations carried out to train and evaluate personnel, that happen for a period of not more than 3 months;</p> <p>(c) all applications in the group are made at the same time;</p> <p>(d) all the applications are processed using an abridged frequency coordination procedure; and</p> <p>(e) the licences are to be issued on the basis that the use of the licences:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) is not to cause interference; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) will not be afforded protection from interference caused by other services</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.12) | \$ 303.00 | \$ 500.00 per licence | 65% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 30 | <p>Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) PTS licence (PMTS Class B)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (a)) | \$ 404.00 | \$ 471.00 per licence | 17% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 31 | <p>Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) PTS licence (PMTS Class C)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (b)) | \$ 51.00 | \$ 471.00 per licence | 824% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 32 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (c)) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 471.00 per licence | 210% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 33 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) fixed licence (point to point (self-coordinated) station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.13 (d)) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 471.00 per licence | 210% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 34 | <p>Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) fixed licence (television outside broadcast system)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.14 (a)) | \$ 303.00 | \$ 482.00 per licence | 59% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 35 | <p>Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences, and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(b) outpost licence (outpost assigned station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.14 (b)) | \$ 51.00 | \$ 482.00 per licence | 845% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 36 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) maritime coast licence (major coast A station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (a)) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 490.00 per licence | 222% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 37 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) maritime coast licence (major coast B station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (b)) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 490.00 per licence | 222% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 38 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (c) major coast receive licence | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (c)) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 490.00 per licence | 222% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 39 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (d) maritime ship licence (ship station class B assigned) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (d)) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 490.00 per licence | 385% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 40 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (e) maritime ship licence (ship station class C assigned) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.15 (e)) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 490.00 per licence | 385% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 41 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an aircraft licence (aircraft assigned station), and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.16) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 500.00 per licence | 229% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 42 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of an earth receive licence and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.17) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 546.00 per licence | 259% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 43 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (a) space licence | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.18 (a)) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 576.00 per licence | 470% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |

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| 44 | Considering an application under section 99 of the Radiocommunications Act for the issue of any of the following licences and issuing it (if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person: (b) space receive licence | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 2 (Item 2.2.18 (b)) | \$ 101.00 | \$ 576.00 per licence | 470% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. It is noted that for 98% of licences, frequency assignment is now performed by accredited persons, the fee for which has reduced. Of the licences that are assigned by the ACMA, the overwhelming majority continue to be for fee exempt clients |
| 45 | Considering an application to participate in a price-based allocation of a high powered open narrowcasting licence in accordance with the <i>Radiocommunications (Allocation of Transmitter Licences – High Powered Open Narrowcasting Licences) Determination 2014</i> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 3 (Item 2.3.1) | \$ 837.00 | \$ 471.00 | -44% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort to provide the service, averaged over a year. |
| 46 | Considering an application for the issue of a FSS only area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.1) | N/A | \$ 696.00 | N/A | New fixed fee is proposed for this licence, introduced in response to changes in technology to incorporate additional flexibility within the apparatus licensing system |

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| 47 | Considering an application for a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable), where the ACMA is not required to assess the application against an application for an area-wide licence made by another person | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.2) | N/A | \$ 847.00 | N/A | New fixed fee is proposed for this licence, introduced in response to changes in technology to incorporate additional flexibility within the apparatus licensing system |
| 48 | Considering an application for the issue of a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable), where the ACMA is required to assess the application against applications for an area-wide licence made by other persons | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.3) | N/A | \$ 847.00 | N/A | New fixed fee is proposed for this licence, introduced in response to changes in technology to incorporate additional flexibility within the apparatus licensing system |

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| 49 | Further charges related to the processing of an application for the issue of a standard area-wide licence (the first application) where the ACMA is required to assess the first application against one or more other applications for an area-wide licence | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 4 (Item 2.4.4) | N/A | <p>The amount worked out using the following formula:</p> $\frac{THR}{N + 1}$ <p>where:</p> <p>THR means the total hourly rate, an amount worked out by multiplying the hourly rate by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other application against which the first application is assessed;</p> <p>N means the number of applications for the licence against which the first application is assessed</p> | N/A | Additional charges for the processing of standard area-wide licences where the ACMA is required to assess applications against each other. This is a new fee |

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| 50 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):</p> <p>(a) an amateur licence where the applicant holds any of the following kinds of certificates of proficiency:</p> <p>(i) Amateur Operator’s Certificate of Proficiency (Advanced)</p> <p>(ii) Amateur Operator’s Certificate of Proficiency (Standard)</p> <p>(iii) Amateur Operator’s Certificate of Proficiency (Foundation)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (a)) | \$ 29.00 | \$ 36.00 | 24% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA’s standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 51 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):</p> <p>(b) maritime coast licence (limited coast non assigned station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (b)) | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.00 | 157% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA’s standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 52 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable):</p> <p>(c) maritime coast licence (limited coast marine rescue station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (c)) | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.00 | 157% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA’s standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |

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| 53 | Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (d) outpost licence (outpost non assigned station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (d)) | \$ 7.00 | \$ 36.00 | 414% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 54 | Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (e) scientific licence (scientific non assigned station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (e)) | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.00 | 157% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 55 | Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (f) maritime ship licence (ship station class B non assigned) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (f)) | \$ 18.00 | \$ 36.00 | 100% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 56 | Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (g) maritime ship licence (ship station class C non assigned) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (g)) | \$ 16.00 | \$ 36.00 | 125% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 57 | Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (h) fixed licence (sound outside broadcast station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (h)) | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.00 | 157% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |

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| 58 | Considering an application for the issue of any of the following non assigned apparatus licences and issuing the licence (if applicable): (i) fixed licence (temporary fixed link station) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 5 (Item 2.5.1 (i)) | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.00 | 157% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 59 | Considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non assigned apparatus licence that does not include a renewal statement or a renewal application period statement and renewing it (if applicable), where: (a) the application for renewal; (b) payment of the charge specified in column 3; and (c) payment of the tax imposed on the issue of the licence under a Tax Act; are received while the licence is in force or within 60 days after the expiry date of the licence: (d) in the case of a fixed receive licence — for each frequency assigned, or requested for assignment, for the purpose of reception; (e) in the case of a broadcasting licence for the operation of a broadcast service station — per licence; (f) in the case of a fixed licence (point to point (self-coordinated)) station — per licence; (g) in the case of a fixed licence (point to point (5.8 GHz band) station) — per licence; (h) in the case of PTS licence (PMTS Class B) or | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 6 (Item 2.6.1) | \$ 4.00 | \$ 4.00 | 0.0% | No change |

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| | PTS licence (PMTS Class C) – per licence; (i) for any other assigned licence — for each frequency assigned, or requested for assignment, for the purpose of transmission; and (j) for any other non assigned licence – per licence | | | | | |
| 60 | Considering an application for the renewal of an assigned apparatus or a non assigned apparatus licence that includes a renewal statement or a renewal application period statement and renewing it (if applicable) | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 6 (Item 2.6.2) | N/A | Hourly rate | N/A | Renewal statements were introduced under the amendments made by the <i>Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Act 2020</i> . This is a new fee and the hourly rate is proposed so that the ACMA can charge for the actual time spent processing these applications |

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| 61 | <p>Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an assigned licence or a non assigned licence (and varying it if applicable) where:</p> <p>(a) the licence is of a kind mentioned in an item in Tables 2, 3 or 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 1;</p> <p>(b) the licence is not of a type mentioned in any other item in this table; and</p> <p>(c) technical coordination is not required</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.1) | \$ 51.00 | \$ 36.00 | -29% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 62 | <p>Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an assigned licence, and varying it if applicable (other than an LPON licence) where:</p> <p>(a) the licence is mentioned in an item in Tables 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1; and</p> <p>(b) the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and</p> <p>(c) in considering the application, the ACMA is required to perform technical coordination</p> | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.2) | The applicable charge for issuing the licence as specified in Part 6 of Schedule 2 to the <i>Radiocommunications (Charges) Determination 2017</i> | The applicable charge for issuing the licence, as specified in the relevant item in Tables 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 | N/A | No change |

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| 63 | <p>Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of an assigned licence of a kind mentioned in Table 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1, (other than a licence to which item 2.7.4 applies), and varying it if applicable, where:</p> <p>(a) the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person; and</p> <p>(b) in considering the application, the ACMA is not required to perform technical coordination</p> | Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.3) | \$101.00 (for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the notice relates) | \$26.00 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the application relates | -74% | The decrease has resulted from improvements in the ACMA's spectrum management system |
| 64 | <p>Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of any of the following licences (and varying it if applicable) where the application is accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person:</p> <p>(a) earth licence (fixed earth station);</p> <p>(b) earth licence (mobile earth station);</p> <p>(c) space licence;</p> <p>(d) space receive licence</p> | Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.4) | \$101.00 (for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the notice relates) | \$102.00 for each frequency assignment or paired frequency assignment to which the application relates | 0% | No significant change |

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| 65 | Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a LPON licence (and varying it if applicable), where the application is not accompanied by a frequency assignment certificate issued by an accredited person | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 7 (item 2.7.5) | \$ 101.00 | Hourly rate | N/A | These fees will now be based on the effort taken to provide the service based on the current hourly rate of \$226, rather than a fixed rate |
| 66 | Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a FSS only area-wide licence (and varying it if applicable) | Part 2 Table 7 (Item 2.7.6) | N/A | \$ 696.00 | N/A | This is a new fee |
| 67 | Considering an application under section 111 of the Radiocommunications Act to vary the conditions of a standard area-wide licence (and varying it if applicable) | Part 2 Table 7 (item 2.7.7) | N/A | \$ 847.00 | N/A | This is a new fee |
| 68 | Consideration of an application for the transfer of an apparatus licence under section 131AA of the Radiocommunications Act, and transferring the licence if applicable | Schedule 1 Part 2 Table 8 (Item 2.8.1) | \$ 51.00 | \$ 94.00 | 84% | Based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 69 | Consideration of an application for a provisional international broadcasting certificate made under section 131AE of Radiocommunications Act, and issuing it if applicable | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 1 (Item 3.1.1) | \$ 152.00 | \$ 113.00 | -26% | Revision to these fees is based on a bottom-up assessment of the actual time and effort taken to provide the service, averaged over a year and applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate of \$226/hr. |

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| 70 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit which authorises one or more of the actions specified in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c) of the <i>Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021</i> (the Equipment Rules) (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the first application for a permit by a person | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.1) | N/A | \$ 1,525.00 | N/A | The Equipment Rules allow the ACMA to issue permits for devices that do not meet applicable standards and/or are unlabelled. This charge (and the ones in items 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 below) replace the charges for permits and permissions previously issued under the now repealed sections 167 and 174 of the Radiocommunications Act |
| 71 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit which authorises one or more of the actions specified in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.1) | N/A | \$ 621.00 | N/A | The Equipment Rules allow the ACMA to issue permits for devices that do not meet applicable standards and/or are unlabelled. This charge (and the ones in items 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 below) replace the charges for permits and permissions previously issued under the now repealed sections 167 and 174 of the Radiocommunications Act. The charge for subsequent applications for a permit by the same person who holds a permit of the same kind is lower, based on the reduced time and effort taken to process such applications |

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| 72 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit which only authorises the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the first application for a permit by a person <p>Note: This fee applies to permits that authorise only the supply of unlabelled devices</p> | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.2) | N/A | \$ 791.00 | N/A | <p>The Equipment Rules allow the ACMA to issue permits for devices that do not meet applicable standards and/or are unlabelled. This charge replaces the charges for permits and permissions previously issued under the now repealed sections 167 and 174 of the Radiocommunications Act</p> |
| 73 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit which only authorises the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d) of the Equipment Rules (and issuing the permit, if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind <p>Note: This fee applies to permits that authorise only the supply of unlabelled devices</p> | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.2) | N/A | \$ 565.00 | N/A | <p>The Equipment Rules allow the ACMA to issue permits for devices that do not meet applicable standards and/or are unlabelled. This charge replaces the charges for permits and permissions previously issued under the now repealed sections 167 and 174 of the Radiocommunications Act. The charge for subsequent applications for a permit by the same person who holds a permit of the same kind is lower, based on the reduced time and effort taken to process such applications</p> |

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| 74 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit (and issuing the permit if applicable) which authorises one or more of the actions mentioned in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c), and the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d), of the Equipment Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the first application for a permit by a person | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.3) | N/A | \$ 1,525.00 | N/A | <p>The Equipment Rules allow the ACMA to issue permits for devices that do not meet applicable standards and/or are unlabelled. This charge replaces the charges for permits and permissions previously issued under the now repealed sections 167 and 174 of the Radiocommunications Act</p> |
| 75 | <p>Considering an application for the issue of a permit (and issuing the permit if applicable) which authorises one or more of the actions mentioned in paragraphs 38(4)(a), (b) and (c), and the action specified in paragraph 38(4)(d), of the Equipment Rules:</p> <p>-for subsequent applications for a permit by a person who already holds a permit of the same kind</p> | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 2 (Item 3.2.3) | N/A | \$ 621.00 | N/A | <p>The Equipment Rules allow the ACMA to issue permits for devices that do not meet applicable standards and/or are unlabelled. This charge replaces the charges for permits and permissions previously issued under the now repealed sections 167 and 174 of the Radiocommunications Act. The charge for subsequent applications for a permit by the same person who holds a permit of the same kind is lower, based on the reduced time and effort taken to process such applications</p> |

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| 76 | Consideration of an application made under clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the <i>Radiocommunications (Exemption) Determination 2021</i> (the Exemption Determination) for the making of a notifiable instrument naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination (whether or not the application is granted) | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 3 (item 3.3.1) | N/A | Hourly rate | N/A | New service to be provided by the ACMA under section 302 of the Radiocommunications Act and the Exemption Determination |
| 77 | Making a notifiable instrument (new instrument) under subclause 1(1) of Schedule 1 to the Exemption Determination naming a person for the purposes of section 9 and/or paragraph 11(m) of the Exemption Determination, where a notifiable instrument (previous instrument) has already been made naming the same person, and the new instrument is made either while the previous instrument is still in force, or within 3 months after the previous instrument has ceased to be in force | Schedule 1 Part 3 Table 3 (item 3.3.2) | N/A | Hourly rate | N/A | New service to be provided by the ACMA under section 302 of the Radiocommunications Act and the Exemption Determination |

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| 78 | <p>Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency that relates to an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amateur licence (amateur advanced station); or • amateur licence (amateur standard station) | Schedule 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.1) | \$ 354.00 \$ 354.00 | \$ 490.00 | 38% | This service is currently provided by a third-party provider, but, in the event the third-party provider is no longer able to provide the service, the ACMA is required to perform this function. The charge now reflects the revised effort required to provide the service applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate |
| 79 | <p>Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency that relates to an amateur licence (amateur foundation station)</p> | Schedule 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.2) | \$ 236.00 | \$ 377.00 | 60% | This service is currently provided by a third-party provider, but, in the event the third-party provider is no longer able to provide the service, the ACMA is required to perform this function. The charge now reflects the revised effort required to provide the service applied to the ACMA's standard hourly rate |

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| 80 | <p>Conducting an examination for a single module of an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of a certificate of proficiency that relates to an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amateur licence (amateur advanced station); • amateur licence (amateur standard station); or • amateur licence (amateur foundation station). | Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.3) | <p>\$ 118.00</p> <p>\$ 118.00</p> <p>\$ 118.00</p> | \$ 264.00 | <p>124%</p> <p>124%</p> <p>124%</p> | This service is currently provided by a third-party provider, but, in the event the third-party provider is no longer able to provide the service, the ACMA is required to perform this function |
| 81 | <p>Conducting an examination of a kind specified in paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Radiocommunications Act in relation to the issue of any of the following kinds of certificates of proficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Radio Operator’s Certificate of Proficiency; • Marine Radio Operator’s VHF Certificate of Proficiency; • Marine Satellite Communications Certificate of Endorsement | Schedule 1 Part 4 Table 1 (Item 4.1.4) | <p>\$ 303.00</p> <p>\$ 202.00</p> <p>\$ 202.00</p> | \$ 490.00 | <p>62%</p> <p>143%</p> <p>143%</p> | This service is currently provided by a third-party provider, but, in the event the third-party provider is no longer able to provide the service, the ACMA is required to perform this function. These items have now been consolidated under one fee and adjusted to reflect the consistent effort across these services |
| 82 | Considering a request to vary a spectrum licence under section 72 of the Radiocommunications Act, and varying it if applicable | Schedule 1 Part 5 Table 1 (Item 5.1.1) | \$ 202.00 | Hourly rate | N/A | This fee will now be based on the actual effort taken to provide the service based on the current hourly rate of \$226/hr, rather than a fixed rate |

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| 83 | Processing registration of an assignment of all or part of a spectrum licence under section 86 of the Radiocommunications Act, including doing anything the ACMA considers necessary or convenient to do in order to give effect to the assignment in accordance with section 87 of the Radiocommunications Act | Schedule 1 Part 5 Table 1 (Item 5.1.2) | \$ 51.00 | \$ 38.00 | -25% | Occurrences of this function are infrequent and only involve a small effort from the ACMA to update the register to reflect the updated client information |
| 84 | Satellite filing application – initial assessment and consultation with applicant in relation to an application to file a satellite system with the ITU - where Australia has not previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant | Schedule 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.1) | N/A | \$ 1,130.00 | N/A | The satellite filing application process has been split into two stages. This initial stage reviews the nature of the proposal and provides an estimate of the costs expected in subsequent stages, providing applicants with more transparency as to the overall cost involved. A fixed charge is imposed on the initial stage |

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| 85 | Satellite filing application – completion of satellite filing assessment (including all work done after the initial assessment of the application and up to when the ACMA makes a decision on whether or not to file the application with the ITU) - where Australia has not previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant | Schedule 1 Part 6 Table 1 (item 6.1.2) | \$ 35,956.00 | Hourly rate | N/A | The satellite filing application process is now split into two stages, an initial assessment charge and a charge for completing the assessment of an application to file a satellite system. The second part of the assessment process will be charged on the actual time taken to perform the assessment based on the ACMA's hourly rate of \$226 p/h |
| 86 | Assessing an application to file a satellite system with the ITU, consisting of work done during the period commencing upon receipt by the ACMA of an application to file a satellite system with the ITU and ending when the ACMA makes a decision on whether or not to file the application - where Australia has previously filed a satellite system with the ITU for the applicant | Schedule 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.3) | Hourly rate | Hourly rate | 12% | Only impact has been the increase in the hourly rate from \$202 to \$226 |
| 87 | Satellite system support work: work undertaken by the ACMA in support of existing or proposed Australian satellite systems (excluding any work done under items 6.1.1, 6.1.2 or 6.1.3) | Schedule 1 Part 6 Table 1 (Item 6.1.4) | Hourly rate | Hourly rate | 12% | Only impact has been the increase in the hourly rate from \$202 to \$226 |
| 88 | Issuing a duplicate document of any kind or, where such duplicate document cannot be issued, a letter of confirmation | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 1 (Item 7.1.1) | \$ 51.10 \$ 51.10 | \$ 38.00 | -25% | Consolidated into one fee as the time and effort are similar for both activities |

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| 89 | The provision of radiofrequency assignment and licensing services, including the issuing of licences not otherwise specified in this instrument | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.1) | Hourly rate | Hourly rate | N/A | Only impact has been the increase in the hourly rate from \$202 to \$226 |
| 90 | The provision of technical radiofrequency services, other than: (a) services requiring field officers; and (b) the performance of the ACMA's additional functions under paragraph 11(1)(c) of the ACMA Act; and (c) services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB) | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.2) | Hourly rate | Hourly rate | N/A | Only impact has been the increase in the hourly rate from \$202 to \$226 |
| 91 | The provision of technical radiofrequency services requiring field officers, other than: (a) the performance of the ACMA's additional functions under paragraph 11(1)(c) of the ACMA Act; and (b) services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB) | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.3) | Special hourly rate C | Special hourly rate A | N/A | Only impact has been the increase in the special hourly rate from \$229 to \$255 |
| 92 | The provision of technical radiofrequency services to trace the location of an emergency position indicating radio beacon station (EPIRB) | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.4) | Special hourly rate C | Special hourly rate A | N/A | Only impact has been the increase in the special hourly rate from \$229 to \$255 |

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| 93 | Supply of an adjacent services listing | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.5) | \$ 101.00 | Hourly rate | N/A | These fees will now be based on the actual effort taken to provide the service based on the current hourly rate of \$226/hr, rather than a fixed rate |
| 94 | Supply of a frequency scan report | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.6) | \$ 111.10 | Hourly rate | N/A | These fees will now be based on the actual effort taken to provide the service based on the current hourly rate of \$226/hr, rather than a fixed rate |
| 95 | Investigating the cause of interference to: (a) radio or television broadcasting reception; or (b) the operation of a radiocommunications device; in circumstances where: (c) the source of the interference is wholly or mainly under the control of the person making the complaint about the interference (the complainant); and (d) the complainant has the necessary skills or expertise to diagnose the source of the interference | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 2 (Item 7.2.7) | Special hourly rate C | Special hourly rate A | N/A | Only impact has been the increase in the special hourly rate from \$229 to \$255 |

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| 96 | Assessing an application for a General Licensing Accreditation under the <i>Radiocommunications Accreditation (General) Rules 2021</i> (the Accreditation Rules), and giving the accreditation if applicable | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 3 (Item 7.3.1) | \$ 488.00 | \$ 546.00 | 12% | These fees will now be based on the actual effort taken to provide the service based on the current hourly rate of \$226/hr |
| 97 | Assessing an application for a Specific Licensing Accreditation under the Accreditation Rules, and giving the accreditation if applicable | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 3 (Item 7.3.2) | N/A | \$ 286.00 | N/A | This fee supports a new accreditation introduced in 2021 |
| 98 | Considering the establishment of a credit account without proceeding to establish the account | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.1) | \$ 476.30 | \$ 161.70 | -66% | This fee is subject to the increase in the ACMA's standard hourly rate, offset by the processing time which decreased by 70% |
| 99 | Establishment of a credit account | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.2) | N/A | \$ 285.00 | N/A | This fee now only captures the effort required to establish a credit account, once the client has met the ACMA's terms and conditions |
| 100 | Annual fee for the maintenance of a credit account including provision of monthly statements, and answering basic account enquiries (one per month) (annual base maintenance fee) – where the account has been established and maintained for the whole of a financial year | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.3) | N/A | \$ 715.00 | N/A | This fee captures the annual standard level of service to be provided per credit account |

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| 101 | Annual base maintenance fee– where the account has been established and maintained for only a part of a financial year | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.4) | N/A | For each portion of the financial year for which the credit account is maintained – the proportion of \$715 equal to the proportion of the financial year for which the credit account is maintained, rounded in accordance with section 16 of the instrument | N/A | This new fee captures the portion of the annual standard level of service to be provided per credit account part way through a financial year |
| 102 | Providing support services for credit account holders in addition to services covered by the annual base maintenance fee | Schedule 1 Part 7 Table 4 (Item 7.4.5) | N/A | Hourly rate | N/A | This new fee captures support services for credit account in addition to the other proposed fees relating to credit accounts set out in items 7.4.3 and 7.4.4 |