

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Determination 2025

The Australian Communications and Media Authority makes the following determination under subsection 7(1) of the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983*.

Dated: 30 January 2025

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Member

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Australian Communications and Media Authority

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Determination* 2025.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences at the start of the day after the day it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Note: The Federal Register of Legislation is available, free of charge, at www.legislation.gov.au.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 7(1) of the Act.

4 Repeal of the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Determination 2015

The Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Determination 2015 (F2015L00322) is repealed.

5 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

850/900 MHz band means the following parts of the spectrum:

- (a) 859 MHz to 869 MHz;
- (b) 935 MHz to 960 MHz.

1800 MHz band means the part of the spectrum from 1805 MHz to 1880 MHz.

- 2.1 GHz band means the part of the spectrum from 2110 MHz to 2170 MHz.
- 3.4 GHz to 4 GHz band means the part of the spectrum from 3.4 GHz to 4 GHz.

ACMA means the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

Act means the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983.

Note: Section 3 of the Act provides that the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act 1983* is incorporated and shall be read as one with the Act.

aeronautical assigned system station has the same meaning as in:

- (a) the Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Aeronautical Licence) Determination 2015; or
- (b) if a later determination replaces that instrument and defines the expression that later determination.

Note: The *Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Aeronautical Licence) Determination 2015* is a legislative instrument and is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

AM band means the part of the spectrum from 525 kHz to 1606.5 kHz.

ASMG means the Australian Spectrum Map Grid 2012, published by the ACMA on its website.

Note: The ASMG is available, free of charge, on the ACMA's website at www.acma.gov.au.

associated with a commercial broadcasting licence: see subsection (2).

Australia has the same meaning as in the Radiocommunications Act 1992.

Note: The ACMA maintains a map of what constitutes Australia under the *Radiocommunications Act* 1992. The map is available, free of charge, on the ACMA's website at www.acma.gov.au. It is located with the Register of Radiocommunications Licences on that website.

Australian Map Grid means the map projection based on the Australian geodetic datum defined in Gazette No. 84 of 6 October 1966 at page 4984.

Note 1: Gazette No. 84 is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au. The Australian geodetic datum defined in that Gazette is known as AGD66.

Note 2: For more information about the Australian Map Grid, see the website of the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping at www.icsm.gov.au.

Australian waters means the offshore areas in respect of the States and Territories.

base station means a station established at a fixed location specified in a licence.

CDMA technology means radiocommunications technology that uses code-division multiple access.

density type for a spectrum access: see Schedule 3.

eligible person: see subsection (3).

FM band means the part of the spectrum from 87.5 MHz to 108 MHz.

harmonised government spectrum area licence means a land mobile licence that authorises a person to operate a radiocommunications transmitter both:

- (a) in:
 - (i) every part of one State (other than Western Australia) or one internal Territory; or
 - (ii) every part of Western Australia, or every part of Western Australia other than the RQZ; and
- (b) on every frequency in one or more of the following frequency bands:
 - (i) 412.46875 MHz to 413.43125 MHz;
 - (ii) 414.46875 MHz to 415.44375 MHz;
 - (iii) 415.44375 MHz to 415.56875 MHz;
 - (iv) 418.49375 MHz to 420 MHz;
 - (v) 420 MHz to 420.8 MHz;
 - (vi) 421.2 MHz to 424.8 MHz;
 - (vii) 426 MHz to 426.4 MHz;
 - (viii) 467.50625 MHz to 469.9875 MHz.

HCIS area for a Part 9 licence means the area that comprises:

- (a) if the licence specifies one or more Level 1 HCIS blocks that are within one Level 2 HCIS block that Level 2 HCIS block;
- (b) if the licence specifies 2 or more Level 1 HCIS blocks, and there are 2 or more Level 2 HCIS blocks within which those Level 1 HCIS blocks are located those Level 2 HCIS blocks:

- (c) if the licence does not specify any Level 1 HCIS blocks each Level 2 HCIS block within which a radiocommunications transmitter authorised by the licence is either:
 - (i) located; or
 - (ii) permitted to be located.
- Note 1: A Part 9 licence will generally, in the licence conditions, specify the Level 1 or Level 2 HCIS blocks within which operation of a radiocommunications transmitter is authorised.
- Note 2: If none of paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) is capable of applying to a Part 9 licence, there is no HCIS area for the Part 9 licence. This may be the case for a small number of Part 9 licences which authorise the operation of radiocommunications transmitters outside the area covered by the ASMG, but which are part of Australia (such as some parts of the Torres Strait).

Example for paragraph (b): If a Part 9 licence specifies the Level 1 HCIS blocks BV4D7, BV4D8,

BV4D9, BV4H1, BV4H2 and BV4H3, then the *HCIS area for the Part 9 licence* is the area that comprises the Level 2 HCIS blocks BV4D and

BV4H.

HCIS block means:

- (a) a Level 1 HCIS block; or
- (b) a grouping of Level 1 HCIS blocks, identified by a unique HCIS identifier.

Note: In the ASMG, HCIS blocks are identified by the terms HCIS Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4.

HCIS cell means a division of a Level 1 HCIS block, identified by a unique HCIS identifier.

Note: In the ASMG, HCIS cells are identified by the terms HCIS Levels 0 and 00.

HCIS identifier means an identifier used in the ASMG to identify a geographic area consisting of an HCIS block or an HCIS cell.

Level 1 HCIS block means a five minute of arc square cell in the ASMG, identified by a unique HCIS identifier.

Note: In the ASMG, Level 1 HCIS blocks are identified by the term HCIS Level 1.

Level 2 HCIS block means an HCIS block that is identified as a Level 2 block in the ASMG.

Note: In the ASMG, a Level 2 HCIS block is made up of 9 Level 1 HCIS blocks, in a 3 x 3 square.

licence means a transmitter licence, other than a transmitter licence that is associated with a commercial broadcasting licence.

Note: The Act does not impose tax on a transmitter licence that is associated with a commercial broadcasting licence. The *Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017* may impose tax in relation to such a licence.

licence area plan means a licence area plan prepared under subsection 26(1) or (1B) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

licence period, for a licence, means the period:

- (a) commencing when the licence comes into force, or is taken to have come into force; and
- (b) ending at:
 - (i) if the licence was issued under section 102 of the *Radiocommunications Act* 1992 the time the licence ceases to be in force in accordance with subsection 103(4A) of the *Radiocommunications Act* 1992;
 - (ii) otherwise the end of the period specified in the licence for the purpose of subsection 103(2) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

Note 1: Subparagraph (b)(i) applies to transmitter licences issued under section 102 of the Radiocommunications Act 1992 in relation to a community broadcasting licence allocated under Part 6 of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*. The Act imposes tax on such transmitter licences. The Act does not impose tax on a transmitter licence issued under section 102 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* that is associated with a commercial broadcasting licence. The *Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017* may impose tax in relation to such a licence.

Note 2: A licence to which subparagraph (b)(ii) applies may cease to be in force before the end of the licence period if it surrendered or cancelled under the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*. For the purposes of this instrument, it is irrelevant whether a licence is, or may be, surrendered or cancelled before the end of its licence period.

low power spectrum access: see subsection (5).

micro power spectrum access: see subsection (6).

minimum annual amount means \$42.88.

offshore area has the same meaning as in section 17 of the *Radiocommunications Act* 1992.

open narrowcasting radio service has the same meaning as in the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

open narrowcasting service has the same meaning as in the Broadcasting Services Act 1992.

open narrowcasting television service has the same meaning as in the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

Part 1 licence: see subclause 1(3) of Schedule 1.

Part 2 licence: see clause 6 of Schedule 1.

Part 3 licence: see subclause 11(3) of Schedule 1.

Part 4 licence: see clause 16 of Schedule 1.

Part 5 licence: see clause 26 of Schedule 1.

Part 6 licence: see clause 29 of Schedule 1.

Part 7 licence: see subclause 33(1) of Schedule 1.

Part 8 licence: see clause 36 of Schedule 1.

Part 9 licence: see subclause 38(3) of Schedule 1.

Part 10 licence: see subclause 42(2) of Schedule 1.

Part 11 licence: see subclause 46(4) of Schedule 1.

Part 12 licence: see subclause 49(2) of Schedule 1.

Part 13 licence: see clause 56 of Schedule 1.

point to multipoint station (land mobile spectrum) means a station that is authorised to be operated under a fixed licence within the following frequency bands:

- (a) 403 MHz to 430 MHz;
- (b) 450 MHz to 520 MHz, other than within one or more of the following frequency bands:
 - (i) 451.5125 MHz to 452.5 MHz;
 - (ii) 461.0125 MHz to 462 MHz;
 - (iii) 503.49375 MHz to 504.99375 MHz;

(iv) 513.49374 MHz to 514.99375 MHz.

population of an HCIS block means the most recent population for the HCIS block listed in the document that sets out population data for areas in HCIS blocks and HCIS cells that is part of the set of documents entitled Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme (HCIS) – List of Population Data, published by the ACMA on its website.

- Note 1: The set of documents entitled Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme (HCIS) List of Population Data is available, free of charge, on the ACMA's website at www.acma.gov.au.
- Note 2: In accordance with section 6, the set of documents entitled Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme (HCIS) List of Population Data was incorporated as existing at the time this instrument commenced. At that time, the set of documents was based on population data reported in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

population of an HCIS cell means the most recent population for the HCIS cell listed in the document that sets out population data for areas in HCIS blocks and HCIS cells that is part of the set of documents entitled Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme (HCIS) – List of Population Data, published by the ACMA on its website.

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PTS licence (PMTS Class B) has the same meaning as in:

- (a) the Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (PTS Licence) Determination 2024; or
- (b) if a later determination replaces that instrument and defines the expression that later determination.

Note: The Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (PTS Licence) Determination 2024 is a legislative instrument and is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

remote station means a station that is used, or intended to be used, to communicate with:

- (a) a base station; or
- (b) a supplementary station.

residential area has the same meaning as in:

- (a) the Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Broadcasting Licence) Determination 2015; or
- (b) if a later determination replaces that instrument and defines the expression that later determination.

Note: The Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Broadcasting Licence) Determination 2015 is a legislative instrument and is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

RQZ has the same meaning as in:

- (a) the Radiocommunications (Australian Radio Quiet Zone Western Australia) Frequency Band Plan 2023; or
- (b) if a later frequency band plan replaces that instrument and defines the expression that later frequency band plan.

Note: The Radiocommunications (Australian Radio Quiet Zone Western Australia) Frequency Band Plan 2023 is a legislative instrument and is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

set amount licence: see subclause 1(2) of Schedule 2.

spectrum access: see subsection (4).

spectrum access licence: see subclause 1(1) of Schedule 2.

start day, for a licence, means the first day of the licence period for the licence.

supplementary station means a fixed station that is used, or intended to be used:

- (a) to overcome deficiencies within the coverage area of a base station; and
- (b) to communicate with one or more remote stations.

television outside broadcast system (Australia wide density type) means a television outside broadcast system where at least one radiocommunications transmitter that forms part of the system is authorised to operate anywhere in Australia.

television outside broadcast system (high density type) means a television outside broadcast system where at least one radiocommunications transmitter that forms part of the system is authorised to operate in one or more of the following:

- (a) the Sydney area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (b) the Melbourne area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (c) the Brisbane area, as defined in Schedule 3;

but is not authorised to operate anywhere in Australia.

television outside broadcast system (low density type) means a television outside broadcast system (other than a television outside broadcasting system (high density type) or a television outside broadcasting system (medium density type)) where at least one radiocommunications transmitter that forms part of the system is authorised to operate in one or more of the following:

- (a) the East Australia area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (b) the Western Australia area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (c) the Tasmania area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (d) the Darwin area, as defined in Schedule 3;

but is not authorised to operate anywhere in Australia.

television outside broadcast system (medium density type) means a television outside broadcast system (other than a television outside broadcasting system (high density type)) where at least one radiocommunications transmitter that forms part of the system is authorised to operate in one or more of the following:

- (a) the Perth area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (b) the Adelaide area, as defined in Schedule 3;
- (c) the Newcastle area, as defined in Schedule 3;

but is not authorised to operate anywhere in Australia.

television outside broadcast system (remote density type) means a television outside broadcast system that is not one of the following:

- (a) television outside broadcast system (Australia wide density type);
- (b) television outside broadcast system (high density type);
- (c) television outside broadcast system (low density type);
- (d) television outside broadcast system (medium density type).

TV band means the part of the spectrum from 520 MHz to 694 MHz.

wider 26 GHz and 28 GHz bands means the part of the spectrum from 24.7 GHz to 30 GHz.

wireless audio system means a system of two or more land mobile stations:

- (a) that are authorised to be operated under a land mobile licence; and
- (b) each of which has an emission bandwidth greater than 100 kHz; and
- (c) each of which is authorised to operate on a frequency specified in the licence; and
- (d) each of which is authorised to operate with a power not greater than 250 mW EIRP.
- Note 1: The expression *tax* is defined in the Act.
- Note 2: A number of other expressions used in this instrument may be defined in a determination made under section 64 of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*. Any such determination is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au. At the time this instrument was made, the following expressions were defined in such a determination:
 - (a) 900 MHz studio to transmitter link station;
 - (b) aeronautical assigned station;
 - (c) aircraft assigned station;
 - (d) aircraft licence;
 - (e) aircraft station;
 - (f) amateur advanced station;
 - (g) amateur beacon station;
 - (h) amateur foundation station;
 - (i) amateur licence;
 - (i) amateur repeater station;
 - (k) amateur standard station;
 - (1) ambulatory station;
 - (m) ambulatory system;
 - (n) area-wide licence;
 - (o) broadcasting licence;
 - (p) CB repeater station;
 - (q) datacasting licence;
 - (r) defence licence;
 - (r) defence ficence
 - (s) earth licence;
 - (t) earth receive station;
 - (u) earth station;
 - (v) EIRP;
 - (w) fixed earth station;
 - (x) fixed licence;
 - (y) fixed station;
 - (z) HF Domestic Service station;
 - (aa) HF Overseas (IBL) Service station;
 - (ab) HF Overseas Service station;
 - (ac) land mobile licence;
 - (ad) land mobile station;
 - (ae) land mobile system;
 - (af) limited coast assigned system;
 - (ag) limited coast marine rescue station;
 - (ah) limited coast non assigned station
 - (ai) major coast A station;
 - (aj) major coast B station;
 - (ak) maritime ship licence;
 - (al) maritime ship station;
 - (am) mobile earth station;
 - (an) narrowband area service station;
 - (ao) narrowcasting service station;
 - (ap) outpost assigned station;
 - (aq) PABX cordless telephone service;
 - (ar) paging system;
 - (as) PMTS Class B;
 - (at) PMTS Class C;

- (au) point to multipoint station;
- (av) point to multipoint system;
- (aw) point to point (5.8 GHz band) station;
- (ax) point to point (self-coordinated) station;
- (ay) point to point station;
- (az) radiodetermination licence;
- (ba) radiodetermination station;
- (bb) scientific non assigned station;
- (bc) ship station Class B assigned;
- (bd) ship station Class B non assigned;
- (be) ship station Class C assigned;
- (bf) ship station Class C non assigned;
- (bg) sound outside broadcast station;
- (bh) space licence;
- (bi) space station;
- (bj) station;
- (bk) television outside broadcast network:
- (bl) television outside broadcast network station;
- (bm) television outside broadcast station;
- (bn) television outside broadcast system;
- (bo) temporary fixed link station.
- (2) In this instrument, the question whether a transmitter licence is *associated with a commercial broadcasting licence* is determined in the same manner as that question is determined for the purposes of the *Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017*.
- (3) In this instrument, each of the following is an *eligible person*:
 - (a) any of the following bodies corporate (whether or not it changes its name after the commencement of this instrument):
 - (i) the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (ACN 004 213 067);
 - (ii) the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia Central Operations (ACN 141 354 734);
 - (iii) the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Queensland Section) (ACN 009 663 478);
 - (iv) the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section) (ACN 000 032 422);
 - (v) the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania Ltd (ACN 617 680 896);
 - (vi) the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Victorian Section) (ACN 004 196 230);
 - (vii) the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Western Operations) (ACN 067 077 696);
 - (b) if one of the bodies corporate specified in paragraph (a) stops performing any of its functions a body corporate responsible for performing the same, or substantially the same, functions;
 - (c) in relation to a licence that authorises a person to operate a narrowcasting service station a person who operates, or who proposes to operate, a radiocommunications transmitter under the licence solely to provide open narrowcasting television services for community and educational non-profit purposes under a class licence determined under paragraph 117(e) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.
- (4) For a licence, a *spectrum access* is a combination of:
 - (a) either:
 - (i) a particular frequency band; or
 - (ii) a particular frequency and a particular bandwidth; and

- (b) either:
 - (i) a particular location; or
 - (ii) a particular area;

within which operation of one or more radiocommunications transmitters is authorised by the licence.

- Note 1: There may be more than one spectrum access for a licence.
- Note 2: The spectrum accesses for a licence may be worked out by looking at the conditions of the licence that relate to the frequencies on which each radiocommunications transmitter may be operated, and the corresponding geographic areas within which, or locations from which, each transmitter may be operated. The corresponding geographic area may be the whole of Australia.
- (5) A spectrum access for a licence is a *low power spectrum access* at a particular time if:
 - (a) the licence is one of the following:
 - (i) a Part 1 licence, other than a defence licence or a licence that authorises the operation of a 900 MHz studio to transmitter link station;
 - (ii) a Part 2 licence;
 - (iii) a Part 3 licence, other than a licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a point to multipoint system;
 - (iv) a Part 6 licence; and
 - (b) the licence authorises a person to operate one or more radiocommunications transmitters within the spectrum access, subject to a condition that the maximum permitted radiated power of each such transmitter is 8.3 watts EIRP; and
 - (c) either:
 - (i) the applicant, in its application for the licence; or
 - (ii) the licensee, in writing given to the ACMA before the time;

has requested that the ACMA treat the licence as having a notional service area that consists of every point no more than 2 kilometres from:

- (iii) if the spectrum access includes a particular location that location; or
- (iv) if the spectrum access includes a particular area the centre of that area; and
- (d) if the licence is a Part 6 licence the spectrum access does not consist of frequencies equal to or greater than 960 MHz; and
- (e) the spectrum access is not a micro power spectrum access.
- Note 1: There may be more than one spectrum access for a licence.
- Note 2: The spectrum accesses for a licence may be worked out by looking at the conditions of the licence that relate to the frequencies on which each radiocommunications transmitter may be operated, and the corresponding geographic areas within which, or locations from which, each transmitter may be operated. The corresponding geographic area may be the whole of Australia.
- Note 3: For paragraph (c), the request of an applicant or a licensee may be made, on their behalf, by an accredited person. No form of words is prescribed or required to be used for making the request. The 'notional service area' is used by the ACMA and accredited persons in planning and coordinating radiocommunications.
- (6) A spectrum access for a licence is a *micro power spectrum access* at a particular time if:
 - (a) the licence is one of the following:
 - (i) a licence that authorises the operation of an ambulatory station;
 - (ii) a licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of an ambulatory system other than a wireless audio system;
 - (iii) a licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a land mobile system other than a wireless audio system; and
 - (b) the licence is not a harmonised government spectrum area licence; and

- (c) the licence authorises a person to operate one or more radiocommunications transmitters within the spectrum access, subject to a condition that the maximum permitted radiated power of each such transmitter is 1.7 watts EIRP; and
- (d) either:
 - (i) the applicant, in its application for the licence; or
 - (ii) the licensee, in writing given to the ACMA before the time; has requested that the ACMA treat the licence as having a notional service area that consists of every point no more than 200 metres from:
 - (iii) if the spectrum access includes a particular location that location; or
 - (iv) if the spectrum access includes a particular area the centre of that area.
- Note 1: There may be more than one spectrum access for a licence.
- Note 2: The spectrum accesses for a licence may be worked out by looking at the conditions of the licence that relate to the frequencies on which each radiocommunications transmitter may be operated, and the corresponding geographic areas within which, or locations from which, each transmitter may be operated. The corresponding geographic area may be the whole of Australia.
- Note 3: For paragraph (d), the request of an applicant or a licensee may be made, on their behalf, by an accredited person. No form of words is prescribed or required to be used for making the request. The 'notional service area' is used by the ACMA and accredited persons in planning and coordinating radiocommunications.
- (7) In this instrument, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a station is taken to be a reference to each radiocommunications transmitter that forms part of the station.
 - Note 1: A station is an installation or thing that is, or includes, one or more radiocommunications transmitters, one or more radiocommunications receivers, or both one or more radiocommunications transmitters and one or more radiocommunications receivers. The Act imposes tax only in relation to transmitter licences, so this instrument is primarily concerned with transmitter licences and radiocommunications transmitters. However, the manner for calculating the amount of tax in relation to some transmitter licences may depend on specified radiocommunications receivers.
 - Note 2: See also Part 2.
- (8) Unless the contrary intention appears, terms used in this instrument that are defined in the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* have the same meaning as in that Act.
 - Note: This instrument defines *licence* in a different manner than the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.
- (9) In this instrument, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a part of the spectrum or a frequency band includes all the frequencies that are greater than but not including the lower frequency, up to and including the higher frequency.

6 References to other instruments

In this instrument, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) a reference to any other legislative instrument is a reference to that other legislative instrument as in force from time to time; and
- (b) a reference to any other kind of instrument is a reference to that other instrument as existing at the time the reference was included in this instrument.
- Note 1: For references to Commonwealth Acts, see section 10 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*; and see also subsection 13(1) of the *Legislation Act 2003* for the application of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to legislative instruments.
- Note 2: All Commonwealth Acts and legislative instruments are registered on the Federal Register of Legislation. The Federal Register of Legislation may be accessed free of charge at www.legislation.gov.au.

Part 2—Working out amounts of tax

7 How to work out the amount of tax imposed

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 7(1) of the Act, this section sets out how to determine the amount of tax imposed in respect of the issue of a licence, the anniversary of a licence coming into force or the holding of a licence.
- (2) First, subject to Part 3 of this instrument, identify the Part of Schedule 1 that applies to the licence.

Note: The ACMA issues licences such that only one Part of Schedule 1 will apply to a licence.

- (3) Second, follow the instructions in that Part of Schedule 1 to work out one of the following:
 - (a) for a spectrum access licence the annual amount for each spectrum access for the licence;
 - (b) for a set amount licence the annual amount for the licence;
 - (c) for a Part 4 licence the amount of tax for the licence.
- (4) The amount of tax is:
 - (a) if paragraph (3)(a) or (b) applies in relation to the licence the amount worked out in accordance with Schedule 2;
 - (b) if paragraph (3)(c) applies in relation to the licence the amount worked out in accordance with Part 4 of Schedule 1.
- (5) An amount of tax worked out in accordance with this section is an amount in Australian dollars.

8 Special rules for the interpretation of Schedule 1

- (1) If:
 - (a) a licence authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter of a particular kind; and
 - (b) a Part of Schedule 1 applies to the licence;

then that Part applies to:

- (c) each licence that authorises the operation of more than one radiocommunications transmitter of the same kind; and
- (d) each licence that authorises the operation of:
 - (i) one or more remote stations; or
 - (ii) one or more supplementary stations;

in relation to the radiocommunications transmitter.

- (2) If:
 - (a) a Part of Schedule 1 applies to a licence; and
 - (b) there are 2 or more spectrum accesses for the licence; and
 - (c) in relation to at least one of those spectrum accesses, operation of a base station of a particular kind is authorised by the licence; and
 - (d) within another of those spectrum accesses (the *supplementary spectrum access*), operation of either:
 - (i) one or more remote stations in relation to the base station, on the same frequency, or within the same frequency band, as the base station; or

(ii) a supplementary station in relation to the base station; is authorised;

do not use the supplementary spectrum access to work out the amount of tax in relation to the licence.

Part 3—Transitional arrangements

9 Definitions

In this Part:

2015 instrument means the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax)*Determination 2015, as in force immediately before this instrument commenced.

Note: The 2015 instrument is a legislative instrument and is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

commencement day means the day on which this instrument commenced.

10 Amount of tax – transitional arrangements

- (1) Despite Part 2 of this instrument, if:
 - (a) tax is imposed on the issue of a licence; and
 - (b) the licence is issued on or after the commencement day; and
 - (c) the licence comes into force before 5 April 2025;

use the 2015 instrument to work out the amount of tax imposed.

- Note 1: If a licence is issued before the commencement day, the 2015 instrument is used to work out the amount of tax imposed on the issue of the licence, whether or not the licence comes into force before 5 April 2025.
- Note 2: If a licence is issued on or after the commencement day, and comes into force on or after 5 April 2025, this instrument is used to work out the amount of tax imposed on the issue of the licence.
- (2) Despite Part 2 of this instrument, if:
 - (a) tax is imposed on the anniversary of the day on which a licence came into force (the *anniversary day*); and
 - (b) the anniversary day is on or after the commencement day but before 5 April 2025; use the 2015 instrument to work out the amount of tax imposed.
 - Note 1: If, for a licence, the anniversary day is before 5 April 2025, the 2015 instrument is used to work out the amount of tax imposed on the anniversary day.
 - Note 2: If, for a licence, the anniversary day is on or after 5 April 2025, this instrument is used to work out the amount of tax imposed on the anniversary day.
- (3) Despite Part 2 of this instrument, if:
 - (a) tax is imposed on the holding of a licence; and
 - (b) the day on which the tax is imposed is on or after the commencement day but before 5 April 2025;

use the 2015 instrument to work out the amount of tax imposed.

- Note 1: If, for a licence, the day on which tax is imposed on the holding of the licence is before 5 April 2025, the 2015 instrument is used to work out the amount of tax imposed on the holding of the licence.
- Note 2: If, for a licence, the day on which tax is imposed on the holding of the licence is on or after 5 April 2025, this instrument is used to work out the amount of tax imposed on the holding of the licence.

Schedule 1—Amounts used for working out amounts of tax

(sections 5, 7 and 8)

Part 1—Miscellaneous licences

1 Application of Part 1

- (1) This Part applies to a licence that authorises the operation of any of the following:
 - (a) a 900 MHz studio to transmitter link station;
 - (b) an aeronautical assigned station;
 - (c) an aeronautical assigned system station;
 - (d) an aircraft assigned station;
 - (e) an ambulatory station, other than one the operation of which is authorised by a harmonised government spectrum area licence;
 - (f) a CB repeater station;
 - (g) an HF Domestic Service station;
 - (h) an HF Overseas (IBL) Service station;
 - (i) an HF Overseas Service station;
 - (j) a station that is part of a limited coast assigned system;
 - (k) a major coast A station;
 - (1) a major coast B station;
 - (m) a narrowcasting service station, other than one the operation of which is authorised by a licence to which Part 11 of this Schedule applies;
 - (n) an outpost assigned station;
 - (o) a station, used in the provision of PMTS Class B, that operates in the 870 MHz to 890 MHz frequency band;
 - (p) a radiodetermination station;
 - (q) a ship station Class B assigned;
 - (r) a ship station Class C assigned.
 - Note 1: A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.
 - Note 2: A system may comprise more than one station.
- (2) This Part also applies to the following licences:
 - (a) a defence licence;
 - (b) a licence to which no other Part of this Schedule applies.
- (3) A licence to which this Part applies is a *Part 1 licence*.

2 Annual amount for spectrum access

Subject to items 3, 4 and 5, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 1 licence is worked out as follows.

- (a) first, identify the cell in Table 1 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
- (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 1

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
0 MHz to 30 MHz	1.2618	1.2690	1.2687	1.2459	1.2432
30 MHz to 403 MHz	2.8501	1.1196	0.5522	0.1216	0.0605
403 MHz to 520 MHz	2.9241	2.1797	0.7533	0.1262	0
520 MHz to 960 MHz	2.9241	1.6470	0.7533	0.1262	0.0628
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	2.9197	0.6591	0.3046	0.1504	0.0749
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	2.9165	0.5450	0.2208	0.1796	0.0896
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	1.2312	0.2290	0.1066	0.0476	0.0230
8.5 GHz to 14.5 GHz	0.1085	0.0393	0.0093	0.0007	0.0003
14.5 GHz to 31.3 GHz	0.1085	0.0291	0.0064	0.0007	0.0003
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	0.0296	0.0159	0.0034	0.0001	0.0001
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.0029	0.0003	0.0003	0	0
Above 100 GHz	0	0	0	0	0

3 Adjustment for low power spectrum access

Subject to item 5, the annual amount for a low power spectrum access for a Part 1 licence is the amount worked out under item 2 for the spectrum access, multiplied by 10 per cent.

4 Adjustment for micro power spectrum access

Subject to item 5, the annual amount for a micro power spectrum access for a Part 1 licence is the amount worked out under item 2 for the spectrum access, multiplied by 5 per cent.

5 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 1 licence worked out under item 2, item 3 or item 4 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 2—Scientific licences

6 Application of Part 2

This Part applies to a scientific licence (a Part 2 licence).

7 Annual amount for spectrum access

Subject to items 8, 9 and 10, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 2 licence is worked out as follows:

- (a) first, identify the cell in Table 2 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
- (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 2

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
0 MHz to 30 MHz	0.1262	0.1269	0.1269	0.1246	0.1243
30 MHz to 403 MHz	0.2850	0.1120	0.0552	0.0122	0.0061
403 MHz to 520 MHz	0.2924	0.2180	0.0753	0.0126	0
520 MHz to 960 MHz	0.2924	0.1647	0.0753	0.0126	0.0063
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	0.2920	0.0659	0.0305	0.0150	0.0075
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	0.2917	0.0545	0.0221	0.0180	0.0090
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	0.1231	0.0229	0.0107	0.0048	0.0023
8.5 GHz to 14.5 GHz	0.0109	0.0039	0.0009	0.0001	0
14.5 GHz to 31.3 GHz	0.0109	0.0029	0.0006	0.0001	0
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	0.0030	0.0016	0.0003	0	0
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.0003	0	0	0	0
Above 100 GHz	0	0	0	0	0

8 Adjustment for low power spectrum access

Subject to items 9 and 10, the annual amount for a low power spectrum access for a Part 2 licence is the amount worked out under item 7 for the spectrum access, multiplied by 10 per cent.

9 Adjustment for multiple spectrum accesses

- (1) This item applies to a Part 2 licence:
 - (a) that authorises the operation of 2 or more radiocommunications transmitters (the *authorised transmitters*); and
 - (b) for which there is a separate spectrum access for each of the authorised transmitters.
- (2) Subject to item 10, the annual amount for each spectrum access for a Part 2 licence to which this item applies is the sum of the amounts worked out under item 7 or, if it applies in relation to a spectrum access, item 8 for each such spectrum access, divided by the number of authorised transmitters.

10 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 2 licence worked out under item 7, item 8 or item 9 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 3—Assigned licences in high demand frequency bands

11 Application of Part 3

- (1) Subject to sub-item (2), this Part applies to a licence that authorises the operation of any of the following:
 - (a) a narrowband area service station;
 - (b) a point to multipoint station (land mobile spectrum);
 - (c) a station that is part of an ambulatory system, other than a wireless audio system;
 - (d) a station that is part of a land mobile system, other than a wireless audio system;
 - (e) a station that is part of a paging system;
 - (f) a station that is part of a point to multipoint system.
 - Note 1: A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.
 - Note 2: A system may comprise more than one station.
- (2) This Part does not apply to a harmonised government spectrum area licence.
- (3) A licence to which this Part applies is a *Part 3 licence*.

12 Annual amount for spectrum access

Subject to items 13, 14 and 15, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 3 licence is worked out as follows:

- (a) first, identify the cell in Table 3 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
- (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 3

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
0 MHz to 30 MHz	93.2899	93.8280	93.8038	92.1200	91.9176
30 MHz to 403 MHz	210.7293	82.7818	40.8259	8.9878	4.4734
403 MHz to 520 MHz	216.1991	161.1580	55.6953	9.3294	0
520 MHz to 960 MHz	216.1991	121.7698	55.6953	9.3294	4.6438
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	215.8748	48.7297	22.5216	11.1227	5.5385
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	215.6370	40.2928	16.3260	13.2789	6.6249
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	91.0306	16.9282	7.8804	3.5225	1.7042
8.5 GHz to 14.5 GHz	8.0231	2.9051	0.6870	0.0491	0.0234

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
14.5 GHz to 31.3 GHz	8.0231	2.1484	0.4717	0.0491	0.0234
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	2.1879	1.1720	0.2543	0.0085	0.0043
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.2162	0.0217	0.0217	0.0021	0.0021
Above 100 GHz	0	0	0	0	0

13 Adjustment for low power spectrum access

Subject to item 15, the annual amount for a low power spectrum access for a Part 3 licence is the amount worked out under item 12 for the spectrum access, multiplied by 10 per cent.

14 Adjustment for micro power spectrum access

Subject to item 15, the annual amount for a micro power spectrum access for a Part 3 licence is the amount worked out under item 12 for the spectrum access, multiplied by 5 per cent.

15 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 3 licence worked out under item 12, item 13 or item 14 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 4—Harmonised government spectrum area licences

16 Application of Part 4

This Part applies to a harmonised government spectrum area licence (a *Part 4 licence*).

17 Yearly amount

In this Part, the *yearly amount* for a Part 4 licence is:

- (a) the bandwidth (in MHz) of the spectrum access for the licence; multiplied by
- (b) the tax rate in column 2 of Table 4 for the State or Territory within which the licence authorises the operation of radiocommunications transmitters.

Note: There is only one spectrum access for each harmonised government spectrum area licence.

Table 4

	Column 1	Column 2
	State or Territory	Tax rate
1	Australian Capital Territory	\$1,293.06
2	New South Wales	\$122,776.36
3	Northern Territory	\$3,385.95
4	Queensland	\$92,545.13
_5	South Australia	\$20,638.55
6	Tasmania	\$484.85
7	Victoria	\$106,125.56
8	Western Australia	\$23,735.38

Note: The tax rate is a \$/MHz unit price.

Example: The spectrum access for a harmonised government spectrum area licence has a bandwidth of 10 MHz, and the licence authorises the operation of radiocommunications transmitters in South

Australia. The yearly amount for the licence is $10 \times 20,638.55 = \$206,385.50$.

18 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period of 12 months or less

- (1) This item applies to a Part 4 licence that has a licence period of 12 months or less.
- (2) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of the licence is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, find the yearly amount for the licence;
 - (b) second, multiply that yearly amount by the number of days in the licence period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365.

19 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(2) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a Part 4 licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and

- (b) either:
 - (i) the person applying for the licence made an election under subsection 6(4) of the Act that subsection 6(2) of the Act apply; or
 - (ii) when the application was made for the licence, the licence was covered by a determination under subsection 6(1C) of the Act.
- (2) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of the licence is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, find the yearly amount for the licence;
 - (b) second, obtain the *first component* by multiplying that yearly amount by the number of years that include one of the following days:
 - (i) the start day for the licence;
 - (ii) a day in the licence period that is an anniversary of the start day, other than the last such anniversary during the licence period (the *last anniversary*);
 - (c) third, obtain the *second component* by multiplying the yearly amount for the licence by the number of days in the period starting on the last anniversary and ending at the end of the licence period, and dividing the result by 365;
 - (d) fourth, add the first component and the second component.

20 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(3) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a Part 4 licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) the person applying for the licence made an election under subsection 6(4) of the Act that subsection 6(3) of the Act apply; or
 - (ii) when the application was made for the licence, the licence was covered by a determination under subsection 6(1E) of the Act.

Amount of tax payable on licence issue

(2) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of the licence is the yearly amount for the licence.

Amount of tax payable on holding of licence

- (3) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the anniversary of the start day for the licence, other than the last such anniversary occurring during the licence period, is the yearly amount for the licence.
- (4) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the last anniversary during the licence period of the start day for the licence (the *last anniversary*) is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, find the yearly amount for the licence;
 - (b) second, multiply that yearly amount by the number of days in the period starting on the last anniversary and ending at the end of the licence period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365.

21 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(5) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a Part 4 licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and

- (b) the licensee notifies the ACMA under subsection 6(5) of the Act that the subsection is to apply to the licence.
- (2) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the holding of the licence on a particular day (the *holding day*) is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, find the yearly amount for the licence;
 - (b) second, multiply that yearly amount by the number of days in the remaining holding period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365.
- (3) In sub-item (2), the *remaining holding period* for a licence is the period:
 - (a) commencing on the first anniversary of the start day for the licence that occurs after the holding day; and
 - (b) ending at the end of the licence period for the licence.

Note: Notice under subsection 6(5) of the Act may only be given more than 12 months before the end of the licence period.

22 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(6) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a Part 4 licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
 - (b) the licensee has failed to pay tax imposed on an anniversary of the start day for the licence (the *relevant anniversary*) within 60 days after the relevant anniversary.
- (2) Subject to items 24 and 25, the amount of tax payable in relation to the holding of the licence on a particular day (the *holding day*) is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, find the yearly amount for the licence;
 - (b) second, multiply that yearly amount by the number of days in the remaining holding period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365;
- (3) In sub-item (2), the *remaining holding period* for a licence is the period:
 - (a) commencing on the relevant anniversary; and
 - (b) ending at the end of the licence period for the licence.

23 Effect of 29 February

In this Part, if:

- (a) a Part 4 licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
- (b) 29 February occurs once or more during the licence period;

disregard each such 29 February in working out the amount of tax payable in relation to the licence.

24 Amount of tax payable – adjustment for minimum annual amount

Subject to item 25, if the amount of tax payable for a Part 4 licence worked out under one of items 18 to 22 is less than the minimum annual amount, the amount of tax payable for the licence is the minimum annual amount.

25 Amount of tax payable - rounding

If the amount of tax payable for a Part 4 licence worked out under one of items 18 to 22, or item 24, includes part of a dollar:

- (a) if the part of the dollar is less than 50 cents, the amount of tax payable is reduced to the nearest whole dollar;
- (b) if the part of the dollar is 50 cents or greater, the amount of tax payable is increased to the nearest whole dollar.

Part 5—Licences for point to point stations

26 Application of Part 5

This Part applies to a licence that authorises the operation of a point to point station (a *Part 5 licence*).

Note:

A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.

27 Annual amount for spectrum access

Subject to item 28, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 5 licence is worked out as follows:

- (a) first, identify the cell in Table 5 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
- (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 5

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
0 MHz to 30 MHz	23.3225	23.4570	23.4510	23.0300	14.5917
30 MHz to 403 MHz	52.6823	20.6954	10.2065	2.2470	0.7101
403 MHz to 520 MHz	54.0498	40.2895	13.9238	2.3324	0
520 MHz to 960 MHz	54.0498	30.4425	13.9238	2.3324	0.7372
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	1.2757	0.2880	0.1331	0.0657	0.0327
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	1.2743	0.2381	0.0965	0.0785	0.0392
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	0.5380	0.1000	0.0466	0.0208	0.0101
8.5 GHz to 14.5 GHz	0.0474	0.0172	0.0041	0.0003	0.0001
14.5 GHz to 31.3 GHz	0.0474	0.0127	0.0028	0.0003	0.0001
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	0.0129	0.0069	0.0015	0.0001	0
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.0013	0.0001	0.0001	0	0
Above 100 GHz	0	0	0	0	0

28 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 5 licence worked out under item 27 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 6—Licences for point to multipoint stations

29 Application of Part 6

This Part applies to a licence that authorises the operation of a point to multipoint station (a *Part 6 licence*).

Note:

A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.

30 Annual amount for spectrum access

Subject to items 31 and 32, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 6 licence is worked out as follows:

- (a) first, identify the cell in Table 6 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
- (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 6

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
0 MHz to 30 MHz	93.2899	93.8280	93.8038	92.1200	57.6242
30 MHz to 403 MHz	210.7293	82.7818	40.8259	8.9878	2.8044
403 MHz to 520 MHz	216.1991	161.1580	55.6953	9.3294	0
520 MHz to 960 MHz	216.1991	121.7698	55.6953	9.3294	2.9113
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	1.2757	0.2880	0.1331	0.0657	0.0327
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	1.2743	0.2381	0.0965	0.0785	0.0392
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	0.5380	0.1000	0.0466	0.0208	0.0101
8.5 GHz to 14.5 GHz	0.0474	0.0172	0.0041	0.0003	0.0001
14.5 GHz to 31.3 GHz	0.0474	0.0127	0.0028	0.0003	0.0001
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	0.0129	0.0069	0.0015	0.0001	0
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.0013	0.0001	0.0001	0	0
Above 100 GHz	0	0	0	0	0

31 Adjustment for low power spectrum access

Subject to item 32, the annual amount for a low power spectrum access for a Part 6 licence is the amount worked out under item 30 for the spectrum access, multiplied by 10 per cent.

32 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 6 licence worked out under item 30 or item 31 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 7—Licences for television outside broadcast stations

33 Application of Part 7

(1) Subject to sub-item (2), this Part applies to a licence that authorises the operation of a television outside broadcast station (a *Part 7 licence*).

Note:

A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.

- (2) This Part does not apply to a licence that authorises the operation of a television outside broadcast station that is part of one of the following:
 - (a) a television outside broadcast network;
 - (b) a television outside broadcast system (Australia wide density type);
 - (c) a television outside broadcast system (high density type);
 - (d) a television outside broadcast system (low density type);
 - (e) a television outside broadcast system (medium density type);
 - (f) a television outside broadcast system (remote density type).
 - Note 1: A television outside broadcast network may comprise more than one television outside broadcast station.
 - Note 2: A television outside broadcast system may comprise more than one television outside broadcast station
 - Note 3: For a licence mentioned in sub-item (2), see Part 8 of this Schedule.

34 Annual amount for spectrum access

Subject to item 35, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 7 licence is worked out as follows:

- (a) first, identify the cell in Table 7 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
- (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 7

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
0 MHz to 30 MHz	0.6473	0.6510	0.6509	0.6392	0.6378
30 MHz to 70 MHz	1.4621	0.5744	0.2833	0.0624	0.0310
70 MHz to 399.9 MHz	1.5001	1.1182	0.3864	0.0647	0
399.9 MHz to 960 MHz	1.5001	0.8449	0.3864	0.0647	0.0322
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	1.4978	0.3381	0.1563	0.0772	0.0384
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	1.4962	0.2796	0.1133	0.0921	0.0460
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	0.6316	0.1175	0.0547	0.0244	0.0118

Frequency band	Density type				
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density
8.5 GHz to 14.5 GHz	0.0557	0.0202	0.0048	0.0003	0.0002
14.5 GHz to 31.3 GHz	0.0557	0.0149	0.0033	0.0003	0.0002
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	0.0152	0.0081	0.0018	0.0001	0
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.0015	0.0002	0.0002	0	0
Above 100 GHz	0	0	0	0	0

35 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 7 licence worked out under item 34 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 8—Assigned licences subject to a fixed annual amount

36 Application of Part 8

This Part applies to a licence that is specified in Table 8 at item 37 (a *Part 8 licence*).

37 Annual amount for Part 8 licence

The annual amount for a Part 8 licence specified in column 1 of Table 8 is worked out in accordance with the corresponding entry in column 2.

Table 8

	Column 1	Column 2
	Licence	Annual amount for the licence
1	Amateur licence that authorises the operation of:	\$52.62
	(a) an amateur beacon station; or	
	(b) an amateur repeater station	
2	Broadcasting licence, other than a licence:	(a) first, identify how many radiocommunications
	(a) that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter between 2.3 MHz and 26.1 MHz; or	transmitters are authorised to be operated under the licence;
	(b) to which another Part of this Schedule applies, other than Part 1	(b) second, multiply that number by the minimum annual amount.
3	Datacasting licence	(a) first, identify how many radiocommunications transmitters are authorised to be operated under the licence;
		(b) second, multiply that number by the minimum annual amount.
4	Licence that authorises the operation of a point to point (5.8 GHz band) station	(a) first, identify how many spectrum accesses there are for the licence;
		(b) second, multiply half that number by the minimum annual amount.
5	Licence that authorises the operation of a point to point (self-coordinated) station	(a) first, identify how many spectrum accesses there are for the licence;
		(b) second, multiply half that number by \$244.63.
6	Licence that authorises the operation of a television outside broadcast network station	\$219,442.14

	Column 1	Column 2
	Licence	Annual amount for the licence
7	Licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a television outside broadcast system (Australia wide density type)	\$46,192.51
8	Licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a television outside broadcast system (high density type)	\$8,591.62
9	Licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a television outside broadcast system (medium density type)	\$3,998.17
10	Licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a television outside broadcast system (low density type)	\$1,789.20
11	Licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a television outside broadcast system (remote density type)	\$893.65
12	Licence that authorises the operation of a PABX cordless telephone service	Minimum annual amount
13	Licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter, used in the provision of PMTS Class C	Minimum annual amount
14	Licence that authorises the operation of a station that is part of a wireless audio system	Minimum annual amount

- Note 1: A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.
- Note 2: A system may comprise more than one station.
- Note 3: A network may comprise more than one station.

Part 9—PTS licences subject to a population based annual amount of tax

38 Application of Part 9

- (1) This Part applies to a PTS licence (PMTS Class B) that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in any of the following frequency bands:
 - (a) the 850/900 MHz band;
 - (b) the 1800 MHz band;
 - (c) the 2.1 GHz band.
- (2) A licence to which this Part applies is a Part 9 licence.

39 Annual amount for spectrum access

- (1) Subject to item 41, if, for a spectrum access, a Part 9 licence specifies one or more Level 2 HCIS blocks within which the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter is authorised, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the sum of the results of performing the following calculation for each such block:
 - (a) half the bandwidth of the spectrum access (in MHz); multiplied by
 - (b) the base rate for the Part 9 licence; multiplied by
 - (c) the population of the HCIS block.

Note:

For paragraph (a), licences that authorise the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in the 850/900 MHz band, the 1800 MHz band or the 2.1 GHz band provide for the use of 'paired' spectrum. Such a licence will have an even number of spectrum accesses, in pairs where each access is of the same bandwidth and for the same geographic area, but covers a different frequency band. The base rate has been developed on the basis that it applies to only one of the 'paired' spectrum accesses. Paragraph (a) achieves the same result by multiplying the base rate by half the bandwidth of each 'paired' spectrum access.

- (2) Subject to item 41, if, for a spectrum access, a Part 9 licence does not specify any Level 2 HCIS blocks within which the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter is authorised, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the sum of the results of performing the following calculation for each Level 2 HCIS block that falls, partly or wholly, within the HCIS area of the licence and within the spectrum access:
 - (a) half the bandwidth of the spectrum access (in MHz); multiplied by
 - (b) the base rate for the Part 9 licence; multiplied by
 - (c) the population of the HCIS block.

Note:

For paragraph (a), licences that authorise the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in the 850/900 MHz band, the 1800 MHz band or the 2.1 GHz band provide for the use of 'paired' spectrum. Such a licence will have an even number of spectrum accesses, in pairs where each access is of the same bandwidth and for the same geographic area, but covers a different frequency band. The base rate has been developed on the basis that it applies to only one of the 'paired' spectrum accesses. Paragraph (a) achieves the same result by multiplying the base rate by half the bandwidth of each 'paired' spectrum access.

40 Base rates for Part 9 licences

For item 39, the *base rate for a Part 9 licence*, for a licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in a frequency band specified in column 1 of Table 9, is the rate specified in the corresponding entry in column 2.

Table 9

	Column 1	Column 2	
	Frequency band	Base rate	
_1	850/900 MHz band	0.133	
2	1800 MHz band	0.01	
3	2.1 GHz band	0.06	

Note:

The base rate is a \$/MHz/population unit price.

41 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

- (1) If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 9 licence worked out under item 39 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.
- (2) If, for a Part 9 licence, there is no HCIS area for the licence, the amount of tax in respect of each spectrum access for the licence is the minimum annual amount.

Note:

Sub-item (2) affects a small number of Part 9 licences which authorise the operation of radiocommunications transmitters outside the area covered by the ASMG, but which are part of Australia (such as some parts of the Torres Strait).

Part 10—Area-wide licences subject to a population based annual amount of tax

42 Application of Part 10

- (1) This Part applies to an area-wide licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in any of the following frequency bands:
 - (a) the 3.4 GHz to 4 GHz band;
 - (b) the wider 26 GHz and 28 GHz bands.
- (2) A licence to which this Part applies is a *Part 10 licence*.

43 Annual amount for Part 10 licence

- (1) Subject to item 45, if a Part 10 licence specifies one or more HCIS blocks or HCIS cells, within which the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter is authorised, the annual amount for the licence is the sum of the results of performing the following calculation for each such block or cell:
 - (a) the bandwidth of the part of the spectrum (in MHz) within which operation of a radiocommunications transmitter under the licence is authorised in the block or cell; multiplied by
 - (b) the base rate for the Part 10 licence; multiplied by
 - (c) the population of the HCIS block or HCIS cell.
- (2) If a Part 10 licence does not specify any HCIS blocks or HCIS cells within which the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter is authorised, the annual amount for the licence is the minimum annual amount.

Note:

Sub-item (2) affects a small number of Part 10 licences which authorise the operation of radiocommunications transmitters outside the area covered by the ASMG, but which are part of Australia (such as some parts of the Torres Strait).

44 Base rates for Part 10 licences

For item 43, the *base rate for a Part 10 licence* is, for a licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in a frequency band specified in column 1 of Table 10, the rate specified in the corresponding entry in column 2.

Table 10

	Column 1	Column 2	
	Frequency band	Base rate	
1	3.4 GHz to 4 GHz band	0.0041	
2	wider 26 GHz and 28 GHz bands	0.0003	

Note:

The base rate is a \$/MHz/population unit price.

45 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a Part 10 licence worked out under sub-item 43(1) is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the licence is the minimum annual amount.

Part 11—Broadcasting licences for high power open narrowcasting services

46 Application of Part 11

- (1) Subject to sub-item (2), this Part applies to a broadcasting licence that authorises the operation of any of the following:
 - (a) a radiocommunications transmitter for the provision of an open narrowcasting radio service, on a frequency in the AM band or FM band, at a maximum effective radiated power that is greater than:
 - (i) if the transmitter is operated in a residential area -1 watt;
 - (ii) in any other case 10 watts:
 - (b) a radiocommunications transmitter for the provision of an open narrowcasting television service, on a frequency in the TV band, at a maximum effective radiated power that is greater than:
 - (i) if the transmitter is operated in a residential area -1 watt;
 - (ii) in any other case 10 watts.
- (2) This Part does not apply to the following:
 - (a) a licence that has a licence period of 6 months or less;
 - (b) a licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter for the provision of an open narrowcasting service, on a frequency in the TV band, in Adelaide.

Note: For the licence mentioned in paragraph (b), see section 96A of the *Radiocommunications Act* 1992.

(3) In paragraph (2)(b), *Adelaide* means the area of that name described by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as a significant urban area in 1270.0.55.004 – Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS): Volume 4 – Significant Urban Areas, Urban Centres and Localities, Section of State, July 2016, as existing on 2 July 2022.

Note: 1270.0.55.004 – Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS): Volume 4 – Significant Urban Areas, Urban Centres and Localities, Section of State, July 2016 is available, free of charge, on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' website at www.abs.gov.au.

(4) A licence to which this Part applies is a *Part 11 licence*.

47 Annual amount for Part 11 licence

- (1) Subject to item 48, the annual amount for a Part 11 licence is:
 - (a) for a licence for a significant urban area specified in column 1 of Table 11 that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in the FM band or TV band the amount specified in the corresponding entry in column 2;
 - (b) for a licence for a significant urban area specified in column 1 of Table 11 that authorises the operation of a radiocommunication transmitter in the AM band the amount specified in the corresponding entry in column 3;
 - (c) otherwise the minimum annual amount.

Table 11

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Area	Annual amount for FM band or TV band	Annual amount for AM band
1	Melbourne	\$7,997.56	\$720.02

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	
	Area	Annual amount for FM band or TV band	Annual amount for AM band	
_2	Sydney	\$7,929.26	\$713.21	
3	Brisbane	\$4,021.59	\$361.76	
4	Perth	\$3,375.18	\$303.97	
_5	Adelaide	\$2,157.10	\$193.94	
6	Gold Coast – Tweed Heads	\$1,145.34	\$102.69	
7	Newcastle – Maitland	\$791.07	\$71.17	
8	Canberra – Queanbeyan	\$734.85	\$65.68	
9	Sunshine Coast	\$564.48	\$50.55	
10	Central Coast	\$523.90	\$47.44	
_11	Wollongong	\$487.82	\$44.07	
12	Geelong	\$453.20	minimum annual amount	
13	Hobart	\$340.35	minimum annual amount	
14	Townsville	\$290.53	minimum annual amount	
15	Cairns	\$247.56	minimum annual amount	

(2) In sub-item (1), each *significant urban area* is the area of that name described by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as a significant urban area in 1270.0.55.004 – Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS): Volume 4 – Significant Urban Areas, Urban Centres and Localities, Section of State, July 2016, as existing on 2 July 2022.

Note:

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- (3) In sub-item (1), a licence is a *licence for a significant urban area* if either:
 - (a) the licence only authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter at a location within a significant urban area specified in Table 11; or
 - (b) the licence describes a significant urban area, or a part of a significant urban area, specified in Table 11 to be the general area served by the licence.

48 Adjustment for limited power or coverage

- (1) If:
 - (a) a Part 11 licence authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter for the provision of an open narrowcasting service; and
 - (b) that service is planned in a licence area plan; and
 - (c) that licence area plan provides that:
 - (i) the maximum effective radiated power for the transmitter is not more than 100 watts; or

- (ii) the maximum cymomotive force for the transmitter is not more than 100 volts; or
- (iii) the coverage radius for the service is not more than 15 kilometres from the nominal location of the transmitter specified in the licence area plan;

the annual amount for the licence is the greater of:

- (d) the amount worked out under item 47 multiplied by 50 per cent; or
- (e) the minimum annual amount.

Part 12—Space system licences

49 Application of Part 12

- (1) This Part applies to a licence that authorises the operation of:
 - (a) a fixed earth station;
 - (b) a mobile earth station;
 - (c) a space station.
 - Note 1: Each of a fixed earth station and a mobile earth station is a radiocommunications transmitter.
 - Note 2: A space station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the space station.
- (2) A licence to which this Part applies is a *Part 12 licence*.

50 Annual amount for spectrum access

- (1) Subject to items 51 to 55, the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 12 licence is worked out as follows.
 - (a) first, identify the cell in Table 12 that applies in relation to the spectrum access, by reference to the density type for the spectrum access and the frequency band within which the spectrum access falls;
 - (b) second, multiply the entry in that cell by the bandwidth (in kHz) of the spectrum access.

Table 12

Frequency band	Density type					
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density	
0 MHz to 30 MHz	1.2618	1.2690	1.2687	1.2459	1.2432	
30 MHz to 403 MHz	2.8501	1.1196	0.5522	0.1216	0.0605	
403 MHz to 520 MHz	2.9241	2.1797	0.7533	0.1262	0	
520 MHz to 960 MHz	2.9241	1.6470	0.7533	0.1262	0.0628	
960 MHz to 2.69 GHz	2.9197	0.6591	0.3046	0.1504	0.0749	
2.69 GHz to 5 GHz	2.9165	0.5450	0.2208	0.1796	0.0896	
5 GHz to 8.5 GHz	1.2312	0.2290	0.1066	0.0476	0.0230	
8.5 GHz to 17.3 GHz	0.1085	0.0393	0.0093	0.0007	0.0003	
17.3 GHz to 31.3 GHz	0.0760	0.0203	0.0032	0.0003	0	
31.3 GHz to 51.4 GHz	0.0207	0.0111	0.0017	0.0001	0	
51.4 GHz to 100 GHz	0.0029	0.0003	0.0003	0	0	

Frequency band	Density type					
	Australia wide	High density	Medium density	Low density	Remote density	
Above	0	0	0	0	0	
100 GHz						

51 Adjustment for spectrum access for space licence – 2483.5 MHz to 2500 MHz

If:

- (a) a Part 12 licence is a space licence; and
- (b) a spectrum access for the licence consists of frequencies that are between 2483.5 MHz and 2500 MHz (the *relevant frequencies*); and
- (c) the spectrum access is not a low power spectrum access; and
- (d) CDMA technology is used by a radiocommunications transmitter under the licence on the relevant frequencies;

subject to item 55, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the amount worked out under item 50, multiplied by 25 per cent.

52 Adjustment for spectrum access for space licence – above 10.7 GHz

If a spectrum access for a Part 12 licence that is a space licence consists of frequencies that are within one of the following frequency bands, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount:

- (a) 10.7 GHz to 11.7 GHz;
- (b) 18.2 GHz to 18.8 GHz;
- (c) 19.3 GHz to 19.7 GHz.

53 Adjustment for earth licence – co-located and co-frequency earth stations and earth receive stations

If:

- (a) a Part 12 licence is an earth licence; and
- (b) the licence authorises the operation of a fixed earth station (the *first station*); and
- (c) for the first station:
 - (i) the density type for the relevant spectrum access is the high density type, and the station is located at a fixed point not more than 500 metres from the fixed location of either another earth station or an earth receive station; or
 - (ii) the density type for the relevant spectrum access is the medium density type, and the station is located at a fixed point not more than 1 kilometre from the fixed location of either another earth station or an earth receive station; or
 - (iii) the density type for the relevant spectrum access is the low density type or the remote density type, and the spectrum is located at a fixed point not more than 2 kilometres from the fixed location of either another earth station or an earth receive station; and

(d) the licence authorises the operation of the first station on a frequency that is the same as, or on a frequency band that overlaps with, a frequency on which the other earth station, or the earth receive station, is authorised to operate;

subject to item 55, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the amount worked out under item 50, multiplied by 70 per cent.

Note:

The licence that authorises the operation of the first station does not need to authorise the operation of each station mentioned in item 53. The apparatus licence that authorises the operation of the other earth station, or the earth receive station, may be held by a different person than the licensee of the Part 12 licence.

54 Adjustment for earth licence – co-located and co-frequency earth stations authorised by the same licence

- (1) This item applies to an earth licence that authorises the operation of one or more earth stations (the *co-located earth stations*), where:
 - (a) one of the following applies:
 - (i) if the density type for the relevant spectrum access for at least one of the colocated earth stations is the high density type all of the co-located earth stations are located within a circle that has a radius of 500 metres;
 - (ii) if the density type for the relevant spectrum access for at least one of the colocated earth stations is the medium density type, and the density type for the relevant spectrum access for none of the co-located earth stations is the high density type all of the co-located earth stations are located within a circle that has a radius of 1 kilometre;
 - (iii) in any other case all of the co-located earth stations are located within a circle that has a radius of 2 kilometres; and
 - (b) each spectrum access for the licence, within which the co-located earth stations may operate, consists of frequencies within which the licence authorises the operation of an earth station.
- (2) If, for co-located earth stations, there are 2 or more spectrum accesses for the licence (the *component accesses*):
 - (a) the component accesses are taken to be a single spectrum access (the *combined access*) for the purposes of this instrument; and
 - (b) the bandwidth (in kHz) of the combined access is the difference between the highest frequency that falls within the component accesses and the lowest frequency that falls within the component accesses.
- (3) For a combined access that consists of 2 or more component accesses, the density type for the combined access is:
 - (a) if the density type for at least one such component access is the Australia wide density type the Australia wide density type;
 - (b) if the density type for at least one such component access is the high density type, and the density type for no such component access is the Australia wide density type the high density type;
 - (c) if the density type for at least one such component access is the medium density type, and the density type for no such component access is the Australia wide density type or the high density type the medium density type;
 - (d) if the density type for at least one such component access is the low density type, and the density type for no such component access is the Australia wide density type, the high density type or the medium density type the low density type;
 - (e) otherwise the remote density type.

- (4) Subject to item 55, the annual amount for the combined access for the licence is the amount worked out under item 50.
- (5) Subject to item 55, the annual amount for any spectrum access for the licence that is not a component access is the amount worked out under item 50.

55 Adjustment for minimum annual amount

If the annual amount for a spectrum access for a Part 12 licence worked out under item 50, item 51, item 53 or item 54 is less than the minimum annual amount, the annual amount for the spectrum access is the minimum annual amount.

Part 13—Non assigned licences

56 Application of Part 13

This Part applies to a licence that is specified in Table 13 at item 57 (a *Part 13 licence*).

57 Annual amount for Part 13 licence

The annual amount for a Part 13 licence specified in column 1 of Table 13 is the amount specified in the corresponding entry in column 2.

Table 13

	Column 1	Column 2	
	Licence	Annual amount for the licence	
1	Amateur licence that authorises the operation of:	\$52.62	
	(a) an amateur advanced station; or		
	(b) an amateur foundation station; or		
	(c) an amateur standard station		
2	Licence that authorises the operation of a limited coast marine rescue station	Minimum annual amount	
3	Licence that authorises the operation of a limited coast non assigned station	Minimum annual amount	
4	Licence that authorises the operation of a scientific non assigned station	Minimum annual amount	
5	Licence that authorises the operation of a ship station Class B non assigned	Minimum annual amount	
6	Licence that authorises the operation of a ship station Class C non assigned	Minimum annual amount	
7	Licence that authorises the operation of a sound outside broadcast station	Minimum annual amount	
8	Licence that authorises the operation of a temporary fixed link station	\$2,388.78	

Note:

A station may comprise one or more radiocommunications transmitters, and one or more radiocommunications receivers. A licence will only authorise the operation of the radiocommunications transmitters that are part of the station.

Schedule 2—Working out amounts of tax (other than for harmonised government spectrum licences)

(sections 5 and 7)

1 Application of Schedule

- (1) This Schedule applies to the following licences (the *spectrum access licences*):
 - (a) a Part 1 licence;
 - (b) a Part 2 licence;
 - (c) a Part 3 licence;
 - (d) a Part 5 licence;
 - (e) a Part 6 licence;
 - (f) a Part 7 licence;
 - (g) a Part 9 licence;
 - (h) a Part 12 licence.
- (2) This Schedule also applies to the following licences (the set amount licences):
 - (a) a Part 8 licence;
 - (b) a Part 10 licence:
 - (c) a Part 11 licence;
 - (d) a Part 13 licence.

Note: This Schedule does not apply to a Part 4 licence (that is, a harmonised government spectrum access licence).

2 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for a period of 12 months or less

- (1) This item applies to a spectrum access licence or a set amount licence that has a licence period of 12 months or less.
- (2) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of the licence is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first:
 - (i) for a spectrum access licence, work out the annual amount for each spectrum access for the licence, and add those amounts together;
 - (ii) for a set amount licence, find the annual amount for the licence;
 - (the 12 month amount);
 - (b) second, multiply the 12 month amount by the number of days in the licence period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365.

3 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(2) or subsection 6(7) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a spectrum access licence or a set amount licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) the person applying for the licence made an election under subsection 6(4) of the Act that subsection 6(2) of the Act is to apply; or
 - (ii) when the application was made for the licence, the licence was covered by a determination under subsection 6(1C) of the Act; or

(iii) for a licence issued to a person under section 100B, 102 or 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* – before the licence was issued, the person made an election under subsection 6(9) of the Act that subsection 6(7) of the Act is to apply.

Note: Sections 100B and 102A of the Radiocommunications Act 1992 have been repealed.

- (2) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of the licence is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first:
 - (i) for a spectrum access licence, add together the annual amounts for each spectrum access for the licence, and multiply that by the number of years that include one of the following days:
 - (A) the start day for the licence; and
 - (B) a day in the licence period that is an anniversary of the start day, other than the last such anniversary during the licence period;
 - (ii) for a set amount licence, find the annual amount for the licence, and multiply that by the number of years that include one of the following days:
 - (A) the start day for the licence; and
 - (B) a day in the licence period that is an anniversary of the start day, other than the last such anniversary during the licence period;

(the first component);

- (b) second:
 - (i) for a spectrum access licence, add together the annual amounts for each spectrum access for the licence;
 - (ii) for a set amount licence, find the annual amount for the licence;
- (the **second component**);
- (c) third:
 - (i) multiply the second component by the number of days in the period starting on the last anniversary of the start day for the licence during the licence period, and ending at the end of the licence period; and
 - (ii) divide the result by 365 (the *adjusted second component*);
- (d) fourth, add the first component and the adjusted second component.

4 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(3) or subsection 6(8) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a spectrum access licence or a set amount licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) the person applying for the licence made an election under subsection 6(4) of the Act that subsection 6(3) of the Act is to apply; or
 - (ii) when the application was made for the licence, the licence was covered by a determination under subsection 6(1E) of the Act; or
 - (iii) for a licence issued to a person under section 100B, 102 or 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* before the licence was issued, the person made, or was taken to have made, an election under subsection 6(9) of the Act that subsection 6(8) of the Act is to apply.
 - Note 1: Subsection 6(10) of the Act sets out when a person is taken to have made an election under subsection 6(9) of the Act that subsection 6(8) of the Act is to apply.

Note 2: Sections 100B and 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* have been repealed.

Amount of tax payable on licence issue

- (2) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of a spectrum access licence is the sum of the annual amounts for each spectrum access for the licence.
- (3) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the issue of a set amount licence is the annual amount for the licence.

Amount of tax payable on holding of licence

- (4) Subject to sub-item (5) and items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to an anniversary of the start day for a spectrum access licence, is the sum of the annual amounts for each spectrum access for the licence.
- (5) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the last anniversary during the licence period of the start day for a spectrum access licence (the *last anniversary*), is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, work out the annual amount for each spectrum access for the licence, and add those amounts together (the *12 month amount*);
 - (b) second, multiply the 12 month amount by the number of days in the period starting on the last anniversary and ending at the end of the licence period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365.
- (6) Subject to sub-item (7) and items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to an anniversary of the start day for a set amount licence is the annual amount for the licence.
- (7) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the last anniversary during the licence period of the start day for a set amount licence (the *last anniversary*), is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, multiply the annual amount for the licence by the number of days in the period starting on the last anniversary and ending at the end of the licence period;
 - (b) second, divide the result by 365.

5 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(5) or subsection 6(11) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a spectrum access licence or a set amount licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) the licensee notifies the ACMA under subsection 6(5) of the Act that the subsection is to apply to the licence; or
 - (ii) for a licence issued to a person under section 100B, 102 or 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* the licensee notifies the ACMA under subsection 6(11) that the subsection is to apply to the licence.

Note: Sections 100B and 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* have been repealed.

- (2) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the holding of the licence on a particular day (the *holding day*) is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, work out the *initial amount* as follows:
 - (i) for a spectrum access licence, add together the annual amounts for each spectrum access for the licence;
 - (ii) for a set amount licence, find the annual amount for the licence;

- (b) second, multiply the initial amount by the number of days in the remaining holding period;
- (c) third, divide the result by 365.
- (3) In sub-item (2), the *remaining holding period* for a licence is the period:
 - (a) commencing on the first anniversary of the start day for the licence that occurs after the holding day; and
 - (b) ending at the end of the licence period for the licence.

Note: Notice under subsection 6(5) of the Act may only be given more than 12 months before the end of the period the licence is in force.

6 Amount of tax payable – licence issued for period greater than 12 months, where subsection 6(6) or subsection 6(12) of the Act applies

- (1) This item applies to a spectrum access licence or a set amount licence where:
 - (a) the licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) before the licence was issued, the licensee elected that subsection 6(3) of the Act apply to the licence; or
 - (ii) for a licence issued to a person under section 100B, 102 or 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* before the licence was issued, the licensee elected that subsection 6(8) of the Act apply to the licence; and
 - (c) the licensee has failed to pay tax imposed on an anniversary of the start day for the licence (the *relevant anniversary*) within 60 days after the relevant anniversary.
 - Note 1: Subsection 6(10) of the Act sets out when a person is taken to have made an election under subsection 6(9) of the Act that subsection 6(8) of the Act is to apply.
 - Note 2: Sections 100B and 102A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* have been repealed.
- (2) Subject to items 8 to 10, the amount of tax payable in relation to the holding of the licence on a particular day (the *holding day*) is worked out as follows:
 - (a) first, work out the *initial amount* as follows:
 - (i) for a spectrum access licence, add together the annual amounts for each spectrum access for the licence;
 - (ii) for a set amount licence, find the annual amount for the licence;
 - (b) second, multiply the initial amount by the number of days in the remaining holding period;
 - (c) third, divide the result by 365.
- (3) In sub-item (2), the *remaining holding period* for a licence is the period:
 - (a) commencing on the relevant anniversary; and
 - (b) ending at the end of the licence period for the licence.

7 Effect of 29 February

In this Schedule, if:

- (a) a licence has a licence period greater than 12 months; and
- (b) 29 February occurs once or more during the licence period;

disregard each such 29 February in working out the amount of tax payable in relation to the licence.

8 Amount of tax payable - adjustment for minimum annual amount

Subject to items 9 and 10, if the amount of tax payable for a licence worked out under one of items 2 to 6 is less than the minimum annual amount, the amount of tax payable for the licence is the minimum annual amount.

9 Amount of tax payable – adjustment for eligible person

Subject to item 10, if a licence is, or is to be, issued to an eligible person, the amount of tax payable for a licence is worked out as follows:

- (a) first, work out the amount of tax payable in accordance with whichever of items 2 to 6 applies;
- (b) second, multiply that amount by 28.5 per cent.

10 Amount of tax payable – rounding

If the amount of tax payable for a licence worked out under one of items 2 to 6, item 8 or item 9, includes part of a dollar:

- (a) if the part of the dollar is less than 50 cents, the amount of tax payable is reduced to the nearest whole dollar;
- (b) if the part of the dollar is 50 cents or greater, the amount of tax payable is increased to the nearest whole dollar.

Schedule 3—Density types

(section 5)

Part 1—Density types for spectrum accesses

1 Working out density types for spectrum accesses – general rules

- (1) The high density type is the *density type for a spectrum access* if:
 - (a) the spectrum access consists of a particular location or a particular area; and
 - (b) the location or area is in, or includes all or part of, the Sydney area, the Melbourne area or the Brisbane area; and
 - (c) sub-item (5) does not apply in relation to the spectrum access.
- (2) The medium density type is the *density type for a spectrum access* if:
 - (a) the spectrum access consists of a particular location or a particular area; and
 - (b) the location or area is not in, and does not include any part of, the Sydney area, the Melbourne area or the Brisbane area; and
 - (c) the location or area is in, or includes all or part of, the Perth area, the Adelaide area or the Newcastle area; and
 - (d) sub-item (5) does not apply in relation to the spectrum access.
- (3) The low density type is the *density type for a spectrum access* if:
 - (a) the spectrum access consists of a particular location or a particular area; and
 - (b) the location or area is not in, and does not include any part of, any of the following:
 - (i) the Sydney area;
 - (ii) the Melbourne area;
 - (iii) the Brisbane area;
 - (iv) the Perth area;
 - (v) the Adelaide area;
 - (vi) the Newcastle area; and
 - (c) the location or area is in, or includes all or part of, any of the following:
 - (i) the East Australia area;
 - (ii) the Western Australia area;
 - (iii) the Tasmania area;
 - (iv) the Darwin area; and
 - (d) sub-item (5) does not apply in relation to the spectrum access.
- (4) The remote density type is the *density type for a spectrum access* if:
 - (a) the spectrum access consists of a particular location or a particular area; and
 - (b) the location or area is not in, and does not include all or any part of, an area defined in Part 2 of this Schedule; and
 - (c) sub-item (5) does not apply in relation to the spectrum access.
- (5) The Australia wide density type is the *density type for a spectrum access* if the spectrum access is:
 - (a) a spectrum access for a licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter anywhere in Australia; or

(b) a spectrum access for a space licence that authorises the operation of a space station to transmit to an earth receive station anywhere in Australia.

Note:

The ACMA maintains a map of what constitutes Australia under the *Radiocommunications Act* 1992. The map is available, free of charge, on the ACMA's website at www.acma.gov.au. It is located with the Register of Radiocommunications Licences on that website.

(6) This item is subject to item 2.

2 Working out density types for spectrum accesses – special cases

- (1) The low density type is the *density type for a spectrum access* if the spectrum access is:
 - (a) a spectrum access for a maritime ship licence that authorises the operation of a maritime ship station (wherever situated); or
 - (b) a spectrum access for an aircraft licence that authorises the operation of an aircraft station (wherever situated); or
 - (c) a spectrum access for a licence that authorises the operation of a radiocommunications transmitter in Australian waters only.
- (2) If:
 - (a) a spectrum access is a spectrum access for a space licence; and
 - (b) the licence authorises the operation of a space station to transmit to an earth receive station at a location or in an area specified in the licence (the **specified location or area**);

then, for the purposes of this Part:

- (c) the spectrum access is taken to include the specified location or area; and
- (d) the *density type for the spectrum access* is the density type worked out under either:
 - (i) subject to subparagraph (ii), item 1 (other than sub-item 1(5));
 - (ii) if the location or area is in Australian waters only paragraph (1)(c).
- (3) If, for a spectrum access, Part 12 of Schedule 1 sets out whether a particular density type is the density type for the spectrum access, apply that Part to work out the density type for the spectrum access.

Part 2—Areas used to work out density type

1 Interpretation

In this Part, easting and northing coordinates are references to Australian Map Grid coordinates.

2 Sydney area

In this Schedule, the *Sydney area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 56 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 230000 and northing 6230000 (the starting point); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 325000 and northing 6355000; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 391000 and northing 6307000; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 300000 and northing 6150000; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

3 Melbourne area

In this Schedule, the *Melbourne area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 55 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 250000 and northing 5743000 (the *starting point*); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 250000 and northing 5868000; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 375000 and northing 5868000; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 375000 and northing 5743000; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

4 Brisbane area

In this Schedule, the **Brisbane area** is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 56 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 510000 and northing 6860000 (the starting point); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 450000 and northing 6965000; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 490000 and northing 7040000; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 515000 and northing 7020000; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to easting 570000 and northing 6880000; and
 - (vi) proceeding in a straight line to easting 540000 and northing 6860000; and
 - (vii) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

5 Perth area

In this Schedule, the **Perth area** is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 50 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 370000 and northing 6420000 (the starting point); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 370000 and northing 6490000; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 425000 and northing 6490000; and

- (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 425000 and northing 6420000; and
- (v) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

6 Adelaide area

In this Schedule, the *Adelaide area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 54 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 260000 and northing 6102250 (the *starting point*); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 260000 and northing 6162250; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 313000 and northing 6162250; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 313000 and northing 6102250; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

7 Newcastle area

In this Schedule, the *Newcastle area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 56 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 325000 and northing 6355000 (the *starting point*); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 378000 and northing 6403000; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 410000 and northing 6381000; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 441000 and northing 6381000; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to easting 391000 and northing 6307000; and
 - (vi) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

8 East Australia area

In this Schedule, the *East Australia area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zones 53, 54, 55 and 56 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting in Zone 55 at easting 285979 and northing 8230029 (the *starting point*); and
 - (ii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 289466 and northing 7897969; and
 - (iii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 394745 and northing 7898866; and
 - (iv) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 395390 and northing 7788199; and
 - (v) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 552303 and northing 7788433; and
 - (vi) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 551965 and northing 7677763; and
 - (vii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 603933 and northing 7677519; and
 - (viii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 601715 and northing 7345403; and
 - (ix) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 194772 and northing 7342512; and

- (x) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 197180 and northing 7231690; and
- (xi) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 298153 and northing 7233553; and
- (xii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 303332 and northing 6901175; and
- (xiii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 204955 and northing 6899158; and
- (xiv) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 207728 and northing 6788292; and
- (xv) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 694822 and northing 6790354; and
- (xvi) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 688928 and northing 6457804; and
- (xvii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 594458 and northing 6459115; and
- (xviii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 593418 and northing 6348256; and
 - (xix) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 6348700; and
 - (xx) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 6237831; and
- (xxi) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 361472 and northing 6236817; and
- (xxii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 363117 and northing 6125916; and
- (xxiii) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 682517 and northing 6125116; and
- (xxiv) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 684711 and northing 6236028; and
- (xxv) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 315298 and northing 6236028; and
- (xxvi) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 313152 and northing 6346924; and
- (xxvii) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 266429 and northing 6345924; and
- (xxviii) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 263828 and northing 6456821; and
- (xxix) proceeding in Zone 53 in a straight line to easting 688928 and northing 6457804; and
- (xxx) proceeding in Zone 53 in a straight line to easting 677963 and northing 5903244; and
- (xxxi) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 322037 and northing 5903244; and
- (xxxii) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 324396 and northing 5792283; and
- (xxxiii) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 412201 and northing 5793699; and
- (xxxiv) proceeding in Zone 54 in a straight line to easting 413407 and northing 5682733; and

- (xxxv) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 413407 and northing 5682733; and
- (xxxvi) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 414639 and northing 5571749; and
- (xxxvii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 5572227; and
- (xxxviii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 5683208; and
 - (xxxix) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 673192 and northing 5681306; and
 - (xl) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 675604 and northing 5792283; and
 - (xli) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 324396 and northing 5792283; and
 - (xlii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 317483 and northing 6125116; and
 - (xliii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 408746 and northing 6126487; and
 - (xliv) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 407650 and northing 6237380; and
 - (xlv) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 6237831; and
 - (xlvi) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 6459552; and
 - (xlvii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 594458 and northing 6459115; and
 - (xlviii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 601715 and northing 7345403; and
 - (xlix) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 7345764; and
 - (l) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 7456471; and
 - (li) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 295007 and northing 7455073; and
 - (lii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 292110 and northing 7676544; and
 - (liii) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 188106 and northing 7674916; and
 - (liv) proceeding in Zone 56 in a straight line to easting 186073 and northing 7785698; and
 - (lv) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 709244 and northing 7787262; and
 - (lvi) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 710534 and northing 7897969; and
 - (lvii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 7899165; and
 - (lviii) proceeding in Zone 55 in a straight line to easting 500000 and northing 8231059; and
 - (lix) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

9 Western Australia area

In this Schedule, the Western Australia area is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 50 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 204955 and northing 6899158 (the *starting point*); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 226201 and northing 6122830; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 408746 and northing 6126487; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 409871 and northing 6015575; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to easting 590129 and northing 6015575; and
 - (vi) proceeding in a straight line to easting 595369 and northing 6559624; and
 - (vii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 404620 and northing 6559624; and
 - (viii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 401674 and northing 6902384; and
 - (ix) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

10 Tasmania area

In this Schedule, the *Tasmania area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 55 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 373275 and northing 5493447 (the starting point); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 374996 and northing 5393531; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 473608 and northing 5394569; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 474609 and northing 5128061; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to easting 660350 and northing 5126166; and
 - (vi) proceeding in a straight line to easting 668969 and northing 5492606; and
 - (vii) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.

11 Darwin area

In this Schedule, the *Darwin area* is the area:

- (a) located in Zone 52 of the Australian Map Grid; and
- (b) bounded by the line:
 - (i) starting at easting 662841 and northing 8590035 (the *starting point*); and
 - (ii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 744293 and northing 8589447; and
 - (iii) proceeding in a straight line to easting 744992 and northing 8672441; and
 - (iv) proceeding in a straight line to easting 663306 and northing 8672997; and
 - (v) proceeding in a straight line to the starting point.