
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No.****

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges for the 2100 MHz Frequency Band) Regulations 2025

Made -----[*NNth Month Year*]

Coming into force ----- [*NNth Month Year*]

The Office of Communications (“OFCOM”) make the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12¹, 13(2) and 122(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (the “Act”).²

Before making these Regulations, OFCOM gave notice of their proposal to do so in accordance with section 122(4)(a) of the Act, published notice of its proposal in accordance with section 122(4)(b) of the Act, and have considered the representations made to them before the time specified in the notice in accordance with section 122(4)(c) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, and extent

1. - (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges for the 2100 MHz Frequency Band) Regulations 2025.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on [date, month, and year].
- (3) These Regulations do not extend to the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“concurrent licence” means a licence held by two or more persons;

“licence” means a wireless telegraphy licence of the Spectrum Access 2100 MHz licence class;

“licensee” means a person who is the holder of a wireless telegraphy licence of the Spectrum Access 2100 MHz licence class (but see regulation 5);

“2021 Regulations” means The Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges for the 2100 MHz Frequency Band) Regulations 2021³; and

¹ Words in s. 12(5) inserted (8.6.2010) by [Digital Economy Act 2010 \(c. 24\), ss. 38\(2\), 47\(1\) F2S](#). 12(6)-(9) inserted (8.6.2010) by [Digital Economy Act 2010 \(c. 24\), ss. 38\(3\), 47\(1\)](#)

² [2006 c. 36](#).

“2100 MHz paired frequency band” means the frequencies from 1920.0 megahertz to 1979.7 megahertz and 2110.3 megahertz to 2169.7 megahertz.

One-off licence charges payable for the 2100 MHz paired frequency band on 4 January 2026

3. – (1) On 4 January 2026, a licensee shall pay to OFCOM the total sum specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The total sum to be paid in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be £X per kilohertz within the 2100 MHz paired frequency band.

Payment by instalments of one-off licence charges

4. - (1) This regulation applies in respect of a licensee where OFCOM receive notice from that licensee of the licensee’s intention to make payment in ten instalments of the total sum prescribed under regulation 4.

(2) Where this regulation applies in respect of a licensee, that licensee—

(a) shall not be required to make payment of the total sum prescribed by regulation 4 at the prescribed time other than in accordance with this paragraph; and instead

(b) shall make payment of the sum in ten equal instalment payments paid to OFCOM no later than the following dates: 31 January 2026, 28 February 2026, 31 March 2026, 30 April 2026, 31 May 2026, 30 June 2026, 31 July 2026, 31 August 2026, 30 September 2026 and 31 October 2026.

(3) Where at any time the licensee fails to make payment in accordance with paragraph (2)(b), all of the outstanding instalment payments, if any, shall become immediately due for payment.

Licence charges payable for the 2100 MHz paired frequency band from 31 October 2026

5.- (1) On 31 October 2026, and on each anniversary of that date, a licensee shall pay to OFCOM the total sum specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The total sum to be paid in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be determined having regard to the following formula—

$$S = (\text{£}766 \times N \times [\text{CPI}_t / \text{CPI}_0])$$

Where—

(a) “S” means the total sum;

(b) “N” means the total number of kilohertz within the 2100 MHz paired frequency band (the use of which is authorised, under a licence, across the United Kingdom);

³ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2021/1412/contents/made>

(c) “CPI” means the number given in respect of that month in the monthly all items consumer prices index published by the Office for National Statistics;

(d) “CPI_t” means the most recent CPI value that was available on the 30 September prior to the month in which charges are due; and

(e) “CPI₀” means the CPI value for September 2024.

(3) If the total sum calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) is a fraction of a whole number, it shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Payment by instalments

6. – (1) This regulation applies in respect of a licensee where OFCOM receive notice from that licensee of the licensee’s intention to make payment in twelve instalments of the total sum prescribed in regulation 6.

(2) Where this regulation applies in respect of a licensee, that licensee—

(a) shall not be required to make payment of the total sum prescribed by regulation 6 at the prescribed time other than in accordance with this paragraph; and instead

(b) shall make payment of the sum in twelve instalments with the first instalment to be paid to OFCOM on the same day as the total sum was due to be paid and each subsequent instalment to be paid on the same day in each of the following eleven months, or in a month in which there is no such day, the last day of the month.

(3) The first eleven instalments will equate to 1/12th of the total sum prescribed in regulation 6 rounded down to the nearest pound, with the twelfth instalment being the remainder of the total sum prescribed.

(2) Where at any time the licensee fails to make payment in accordance with paragraph (2), all of the outstanding instalment payments, if any, including any payments that the licensee has failed to make, shall become immediately due for payment.

Concurrent licence

7. - In the case of a concurrent licence, the “licensee” in these Regulations shall refer to all the concurrent holders of that licence.

Revocation and transitional provision

8. - (1) The 2021 Regulations are revoked.

(2) Where, immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations, any sums payable to OFCOM by virtue of regulation 4 of the 2021 Regulations were outstanding, those sums are to be treated on and after the coming into force of these Regulations as-

(a) outstanding so far as they remain unpaid, and

(b) recoverable on the same basis as if they were payable under provision made by these Regulations.

Date

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations set the level of charges payable to the Office of Communications (“OFCCOM”) in respect of the Spectrum Access 2100 MHz licence class, for wireless telegraphy licences granted under section 8 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 which authorise the use of the frequencies 1920.0 MHz to 1979.7 MHz paired with the frequencies 2110.3 MHz to 2169.7 MHz.

Regulation 3 prescribes the one-off licence charges payable for the 2100 MHz paired frequency band on 4 January 2026.

Regulation 4 allows the holders of the Spectrum Access 2100 MHz licence class to pay the licence charges due under Regulation 4 by ten monthly instalments.

Regulation 5 prescribes the Licence charges payable for the 2100 MHz paired frequency band from 31 October 2026. Such charges equate to an amount of £X per megahertz.

Regulation 6 allows the holders of the Spectrum Access 2100 MHz licence class to pay the licence charges due under Regulation 6 by twelve monthly instalments.

Regulation 8 revokes the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges for the 2100 MHz Frequency Band) Regulations 2021 and prescribes that any outstanding payments under the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges for the 2100 MHz Frequency Band) Regulations 2021 are still payable and recoverable on the same basis as if they were payable under provision made by these Regulations.
