



# Media Act 2024

## 2024 CHAPTER 15

### PART 5

#### REGULATION OF RADIO SERVICES

PROSPECTIVE

#### 45 Financial assistance for radio

After section 359 of the Communications Act 2003 insert—

*“Financial assistance for radio*

##### **359A Power of the Secretary of State to give financial assistance for radio**

- (1) The Secretary of State may give financial assistance for or in connection with—
  - (a) the provision of eligible services;
  - (b) the production of sound programmes (whether intended for broadcast or distribution by any other means).
- (2) The financial assistance may be given—
  - (a) by way of grant, loan or guarantee or in any other form, and
  - (b) subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The conditions may (among other things) include provision under which the financial assistance is to be repaid or otherwise made good (with or without interest).
- (4) The eligible services for the purposes of [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#) are—

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- (a) services of a description in relation to which provision is for the time being in force under section 262 (community radio);
- (b) local sound broadcasting services;
- (c) local digital sound programme services.”

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 45 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 55\(3\)\(e\)](#)

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