



# Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949

## 1949 CHAPTER 54

### PART I

#### *Regulation of Wireless Telegraphy*

#### **2 Fees and charges for wireless telegraphy licences**

- (1) On the issue or renewal of a wireless telegraphy licence, and, where the regulations under this section so provide, at such times thereafter as may be prescribed by the regulations, there shall be paid to the Postmaster General by the person to whom the licence is issued such sums as may be prescribed by regulations to be made by the Postmaster General with the consent of the Treasury, and different provision may be made in relation to different licences, according to the nature, terms, provisions, limitations and duration thereof:

Provided that the regulations made may contain provisions authorising, in such cases as are not otherwise dealt with by the regulations, the charge by the Postmaster General of such sums, whether on the issue or renewal of the licence or subsequently, as may in the particular case appear to him to be proper, but this proviso shall not apply to licences of any type wholly or mainly intended to meet the needs of persons desiring to use, in a private dwelling-house and without making any charge to other persons, apparatus not designed or adapted for emission (as opposed to reception).

- (2) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding subsection, where, upon an application made by a person ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for the issue or renewal of a wireless telegraphy licence to instal or use apparatus not designed or adapted for emission (as opposed to reception), the Postmaster General is satisfied, by means of a certificate issued by the local authority and produced to him by the applicant, that the applicant is a blind person not resident in a public or charitable institution or in a school, the Postmaster General may dispense with the payment of any sum which would otherwise be payable on the issue or renewal of the

In this subsection, the expression " blind person " means a person so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential, and the expression " the local authority " means—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) in relation to any person ordinarily resident in England and Wales, the council of the county or county borough in which he is ordinarily resident;
  - (b) in relation to a person ordinarily resident in a large burgh in Scotland, the town council of that burgh;
  - (c) in relation to a person ordinarily resident elsewhere in Scotland, the council of the county in which he is ordinarily resident;
  - (d) in relation to a person ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, the welfare authority established under the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, for the area in which he is ordinarily resident.
- (3) Where sums will or may become payable under subsection (1) of this section subsequently to the issue or renewal of a licence, the Postmaster General may, on the issue or renewal thereof, require such security to be given, by way of deposit or otherwise, for the payment of the sums which will or may become payable as he thinks fit.