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**The Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2017**

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*Coming into force* - - 1st April 2017

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 365(1) and (4) and 402(3)(a) and (c) of the Communications Act 2003 (“the CA 2003”)(a), as extended by—

- (a) the Communications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Order 2003(b);
- (b) the Communications (Jersey) Order 2003(c);
- (c) the Communications (Isle of Man) Order 2003(d);
- (d) the Communications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Order 2004(e);
- (e) the Broadcasting and Communications (Jersey) Order 2004(f).

The Treasury has consented to the making of these Regulations in accordance with section 365(6) of the CA 2003.

**Citation, commencement and effect**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

(2) They come into force on 1st April 2017.

(3) They have effect in respect of TV licences issued on or after 1st April 2017.

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(a) 2003 c. 21.  
(b) S.I. 2003/3195, as amended by S.I. 2006/3325; there are other amending instruments not relevant these Regulations. Article 6 of the Order extends section 402(3)(a) and (c) of the Communications Act 2003 to Guernsey.  
(c) S.I. 2003/3197, as amended by S.I. 2006/3324; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Article 6 of the Order extends section 402(3)(a) and (c) of the CA 2003 to Jersey.  
(d) S.I. 2003/3198, as amended by S.I. 2007/278; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Article 6 of the Order extends sections 365(1) and (4) and 402(3)(a) and (c) of the CA 2003 to the Isle of Man.  
(e) S.I. 2004/307, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations. Article 4 of the Order extends section 365(1) and (4) of the CA 2003 to Guernsey.  
(f) S.I. 2004/308, to which there are amendments not relevant these Regulations. Article 4 of the Order extends section 365(1) and (4) of the CA 2003 to Jersey.

## **Amendment of the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004**

2. The Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004(a) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 6.

### **Amendment of Schedule 1 (issue fees for TV licences)**

3.—(1) The Table in Schedule 1 is amended as follows.

(2) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (black and white only) General Form for “£49.00” substitute “£49.50”.

(3) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (including colour) General Form for “£145.50” substitute “£147.00”.

(4) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (black and white only) Multiple Form for “£49.00” substitute “£49.50”.

(5) In the third column of the row relating to TV licence (including colour) Multiple Form for “£145.50” substitute “£147.00”.

### **Amendment of Schedule 2 (fees for TV licences payable by instalments)**

4.—(1) Schedule 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 2(1)—

(a) for “£37.64” substitute “£38.00”;

(b) for “£37.62” substitute “£38.00”.

(3) In paragraph 5(1) for “2010” substitute “2017”.

(4) For Table 1 substitute Table 1 in the Schedule.

(5) In paragraph 6(1) for “2010” substitute “2017”.

(6) For Table 2 substitute Table 2 in the Schedule.

(7) In paragraph 7(6)(b) for “2010” substitute “2017”.

(8) In paragraph 7(6), in the words after sub-paragraph (b)—

(a) for “£84.90” substitute “£85.15”;

(b) for “£12.12” substitute “£12.37”.

(9) For Table 3 substitute Table 3 in the Schedule.

(10) In paragraph 9(a) for “£5.60” substitute “£6.00”.

(11) For paragraph 9(c) substitute—

“(c) the amount of each of the first 7 of those instalments is to be £6.00 and the amount of each of the remaining 18 instalments is to be £5.50.”.

(12) In paragraph 11(1) for “£74.00” substitute “£75.50”.

(13) In paragraph 11(2) for “£61.00” substitute “£62.50”.

(14) In paragraph 11(4) for “£41.50” substitute “£42.50”.

(15) In paragraph 12(1) for “£74.00” substitute “£75.50”.

(16) In paragraph 13(1) for “£61.00” substitute “£62.50”.

(17) In paragraph 14(2)(a) for “£9.30” substitute “£9.45”.

(18) In paragraph 14(2)(b)—

(a) for “£11.65” substitute “£11.85”;

(b) for “£11.45” substitute “£11.55”.

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(a) S.I. 2004/692, amended by S.I. 2005/606, 2006/619, 2007/718, 2008/643, 2009/505, 2010/640, 2010/1881, 2011/2581, 2012/700, 2013/1854, 2015/643, 2016/704.

- (19) In paragraph 14(2)(c) for “£15.50” substitute “£15.75”.
- (20) In paragraph 14(2)(d) for “4 instalments to be £23.25” substitute “first 3 instalments to be £23.65 and the amount of the final instalment to be £23.55”.
- (21) In paragraph 15(1) for “£41.50” substitute “£42.50”.
- (22) In paragraph 15(2)(a) for “£10.40” substitute “£10.45”.
- (23) In paragraph 15(2)(b) for “8 instalments to be £13.00” substitute “first 7 instalments to be £13.10 and the amount of the final instalment to be £12.80”.
- (24) In paragraph 15(2)(c) for “£17.35” substitute “£17.45”.
- (25) In paragraph 15(2)(d) for “4 instalments to be £26.00” substitute “first 3 instalments to be £26.15 and the amount of the final instalment to be £26.05”.
- (26) In paragraph 16(2)(a) for “£11.70” substitute “£11.85”.
- (27) In paragraph 16(2)(b)—
- (a) for “£14.65” substitute “£14.85”;
  - (b) for “£14.45” substitute “£14.55”.
- (28) In paragraph 16(2)(c) for “£19.50” substitute “£19.75”.
- (29) In paragraph 16(2)(d) for “4 instalments to be £29.25” substitute “first 3 instalments to be £29.65 and the amount of the final instalment to be £29.55”.
- (30) In paragraph 17(2)(a) for “£13.50” substitute “£13.65”.
- (31) In paragraph 17(2)(b)—
- (a) for “£16.90” substitute “£17.10”;
  - (b) for “£16.70” substitute “£16.80”.
- (32) In paragraph 17(2)(c) for “£22.50” substitute “£22.75”.
- (33) In paragraph 17(2)(d) for “4 instalments to be £33.75” substitute “first 3 instalments to be £34.15 and the amount of the final instalment to be £34.05”.

#### **Amendment of Schedule 3 (fees for interim TV licences)**

- 5.**—(1) Schedule 3 is amended as follows.
- (2) In the Table, in the third column of the row relating to Interim TV licence (black and white only) (not in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) for “£4.08” substitute “£4.125”.
- (3) In the Table, in the third column of the row relating to Interim TV licence (including colour) (not in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) for “£12.12” substitute “12.25”.
- (4) In paragraph 1(5)(b) for “£145.50” substitute “147.00”.

#### **Amendment of Schedule 5 (TV licence fees for hotels and hospitality areas and mobile units)**

- 6.**—(1) Schedule 5 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1, in the definition of “relevant amount”—
- (a) in paragraph (a) for “£49.00” substitute “£49.50”;
  - (b) in paragraph (b) for “£145.50” substitute “£147.00”.

- (3) In paragraph 3(1)(a) for “£49.00” substitute “£49.50”.
- (4) In paragraph 3(1)(b) for “£145.50” substitute “£147.00”.

28th February 2017

*Karen Bradley*  
Secretary of State  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

We consent:

28th February 2017

*Gutto Bebb*  
*David Evennett*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(4), (6) and (9)

**Table 1**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>	<i>Column 6</i>	<i>Column 7</i>
<b>Date by which instalment is to be paid</b>	<b>Amount of instalment payment</b>					
Date on which the licence is issued (“the issue date”)	£85.15	£79.65	£73.00	£64.95	£54.85	£41.85
The last day of the period of 1 month beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.37	£13.47	£14.80	£16.41	£18.43	£21.03
The last day of the period of 2 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.37	£13.47	£14.80	£16.41	£18.43	£21.03
The last day of the period of 3 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.37	£13.47	£14.80	£16.41	£18.43	£21.03
The last day of the period of 4 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.37	£13.47	£14.80	£16.41	£18.43	£21.03
The last day of the period of 5 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.37	£13.47	£14.80	£16.41	£18.43	£21.03

**Table 2**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>	<i>Column 6</i>	<i>Column 7</i>
<b>Date by which instalment is to be paid</b>	<b>Amount of instalment payment</b>					
Date on which the licence is issued (“the issue date”)	£85.75	£80.20	£73.50	£65.35	£55.15	£42.00
The last day of the period of 1 month beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.25	£13.36	£14.70	£16.33	£18.37	£21.00
The last day of the period of 2 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.25	£13.36	£14.70	£16.33	£18.37	£21.00
The last day of the period of 3 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.25	£13.36	£14.70	£16.33	£18.37	£21.00
The last day of the period of 4 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.25	£13.36	£14.70	£16.33	£18.37	£21.00
The last day of the period of 5 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£12.25	£13.36	£14.70	£16.33	£18.37	£21.00

**Table 3**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>
<b>Date by which instalment is to be paid</b>	<b>Amount of instalment payment</b>			
Date on which the licence is issued (“the issue date”)	£24.50	£29.40	£36.75	£49.00
The last day of the period of 1 month beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£24.50	£29.40	£36.75	£49.00
The last day of the period of 2 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£24.50	£29.40	£36.75	£49.00
The last day of the period of 3 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£24.50	£29.40	£36.75	
The last day of the period of 4 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£24.50	£29.40		
The last day of the period of 5 months beginning on the day immediately following the issue date	£24.50			

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/692) by providing for increases in—

- (a) the amount payable for certain categories of TV licence, and
- (b) the amount of each instalment for certain categories of TV licence which are payable in instalments.

In summary—

- (a) the amount payable for a basic colour TV licence is increased from £145.50 to £147.00 and for a basic black and white TV licence is increased from £49.00 to £49.50 (see regulations 3 and 6);
- (b) the instalments for a budget instalment licence and for an easy entrance licence are increased so that in each case the total amount payable is increased from £145.50 to £147.00 (see regulation 4);
- (c) the instalments for a premium instalment licence (a colour TV licence payable in quarterly instalments) (not available in the Channel Islands of the Isle of Man) are increased so that the total amount payable is increased from £150.50 to £152.00 (see regulation 4);
- (d) the amount payable for each month for a colour interim TV licence (relevant to any person who is 74 years of age and who will therefore become eligible for a free licence in less than a year) is increased from £12.12 to £12.25 and for a black and white interim TV licence is increased from £4.08 to £4.125 (interim licences are not available in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) (see regulation 5).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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