
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 concession for persons aged 75 years or more is extended to the Isle of Man (see regulation 3);
- (b) the amount payable for a basic colour TV licence is increased from £147.00 to £150.50 and for a basic black and white TV licence is increased from £49.00 to £50.50 (see regulations 4 and 7);
- (c) 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 £147.00 to £150.50 (see regulation 5);
- (d) 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 £152.00 to £155.50 (see regulation 5);
- (e) 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 £12.25 to £12.542 and for a black and white interim TV licence is increased from £4.125 to £4.208 (interim licences are not available in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) (see regulation 6).

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