
Ofcom Tariff Tables 2021/22

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1. Overview

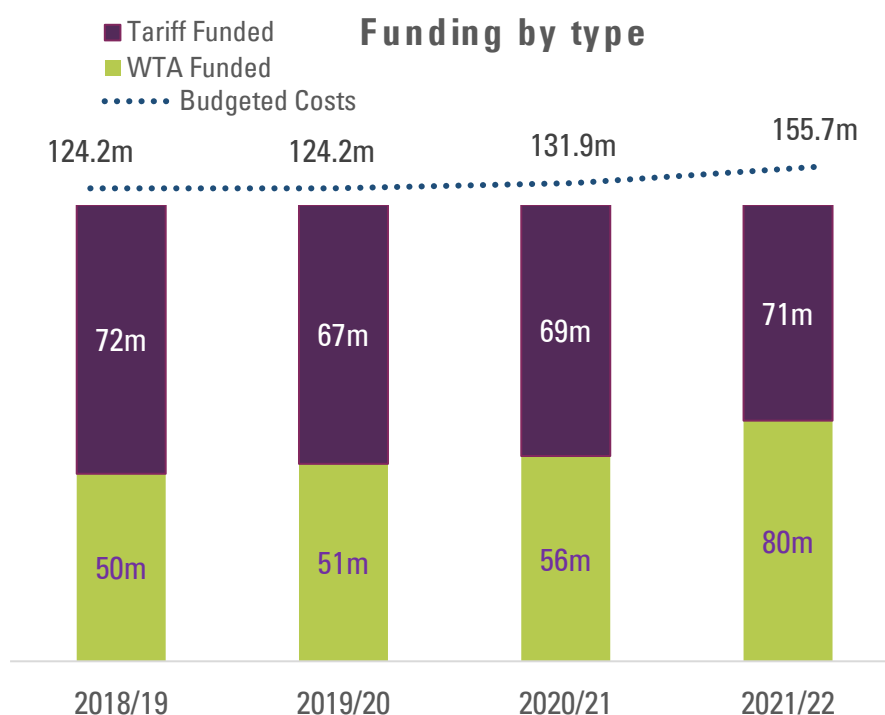
This document sets out the annual fees for our regulatory sectors. It does not detail the fees of individual stakeholders.

2. Ofcom Funding for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

2021/22 Budget and 2020/21 Forecast

2.1 Ofcom’s core budget remains at the same level as the previous financial year, £131.9m. The overall spending cap will be increased further by £23.8m to incorporate preparatory work for any new regulatory duties i.e. Online Harms and enhanced Telecoms Security. These activities will be funded by the retention of Wireless Telegraphy Act (WTA) receipts and not stakeholder tariffs. The chart below shows our funding split in recent years:

Chart 1: Funding by Type



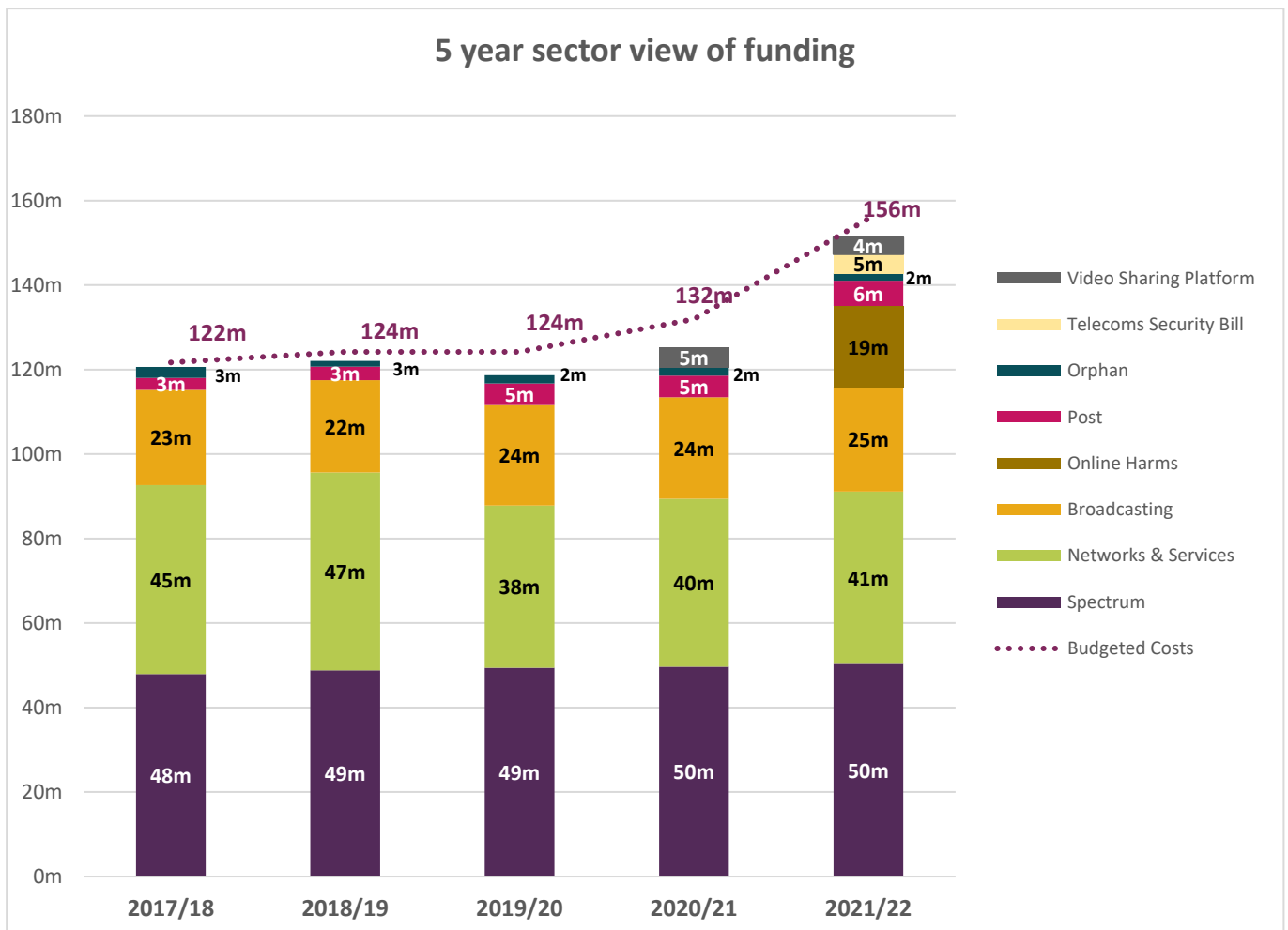
2.2 In line with statute, we must also ensure that any over/under recovery of costs from prior years are included in our budgeted costs. Thus, the 2021/22 annual fees and WTA receipts retention are underpinned by:

- the 2021/22 budgeted costs of £155.7m; of which £75.6m is tariff funded;
- a credit of (£3.6m) which is the difference between the 2020/21 expected outturn and the 2020/21 budget;
- a credit of (£0.7m) from the finalisation of the 2019/20 year-end accounts.

2021/22 fees by Sector

- 2.3 These 2021/22 Tariff Tables set out the fees due by sector, but do not disclose individual stakeholder charges.
- 2.4 Although, the baseline budget (excluding new duties) remains flat (in cash terms) at £131.9m, the 2021/22 plan of work dictates the funding split amongst the different regulatory sectors. Additionally, the use of relevant turnover in determining variable fees and charges means that actual costs for some individual stakeholders will vary from the sector average.
- 2.5 As shown in Chart 2 below, except for costs associated with our new responsibilities, the overall tariffs for each regulatory sector are broadly in line with the 5-year average.

Chart 2: Five-year tariff fees and charges summary by sector (£'m)



- 2.6 The difference between the budget and funding requirement in each financial year in the chart above, represent prior year adjustments which are incorporated in our fees.

Other Ofcom work not covered by these Tariff Tables

- 2.7 On 14 March 2019, Ofcom published its Statement¹ entitled ‘Satellite Filings Cost Recovery’ setting out, and giving its notice of, the approach and charges we have introduced for carrying out its satellite filing work.
- 2.8 In addition, Ofcom has separate powers to charge fees that are payable by any operator of an essential service (OES) to Ofcom in order to recover our reasonable costs incurred in carrying out a NIS function under regulation 21 of the Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/506 as amended by SI 2018/629).
- 2.9 Therefore, our work in these areas are not covered by these Tariff Tables as they are dealt with separately in those specific contexts².

¹ <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-1/satellite-filings-cost-recovery>

² ODPS stakeholders will be contacted separately in due course regarding their 2021/22 fees; but please note that the broadcasting licence fees do not include any costs associated with ODPS.

3. Ofcom Licence Fees and Administrative Charges

The following sections of this document set out Ofcom's Tariff Tables 2021/22 to fix, and give notice of, our fees and charges for the year from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. We deal with the following sectors in four sections as follows:

- Section 4: Networks and Services Charges (including charges for the Electronic Communications Code);
- Section 4: Television Licence Fees;
- Section 6: Radio Licence Fees; and
- Section 7: Postal Charges.

4. Networks and Services Charges

Administrative Charges for the Networks and Services Sector

- 4.1 Under Ofcom’s Notice of Designation³ under section 38 of the Communications Act 2003, each person providing any electronic communications network, electronic communications service, or making available any associated facility is liable to pay to Ofcom the administrative charge that is fixed by Ofcom for the case that is applicable to him in respect of ‘Relevant Turnover’⁴ from ‘Relevant Activities’ of £5 million or more in the last but one calendar year prior to the charging year in question.
- 4.2 The administrative charges that Ofcom has fixed for the Networks and Services sector for each person’s ‘Relevant Turnover’ of £5 million or more in respect of the calendar year which ended on 31 December 2019 are shown in Table 1 below.
- 4.3 The administrative charge is based on 0.1064% of the total amount of Relevant Turnover figures reported by stakeholders to Ofcom for the calendar year ended 31 December 2019.

Table 1: Networks and Services Administrative Charges

Bands		Relevant Turnover (£)	Fee Payable (£)
Bottom (£)	Top (£)		
0	5,000,000	0	-
5,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000	5,320
10,000,000	25,000,000	10,000,000	10,640
25,000,000	50,000,000	25,000,000	26,600
50,000,000	75,000,000	50,000,000	53,200
75,000,000	100,000,000	75,000,000	79,800
100,000,000	150,000,000	100,000,000	106,400
150,000,000	200,000,000	150,000,000	159,600
200,000,000	300,000,000	200,000,000	212,800
300,000,000	400,000,000	300,000,000	319,200
400,000,000	500,000,000	400,000,000	425,600
500,000,000	600,000,000	500,000,000	532,000
600,000,000	750,000,000	600,000,000	638,400
750,000,000	1,000,000,000	750,000,000	798,000
Above £1,000,000,000		Actual Relevant Turnover	0.1064%

³ https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/46052/designation.pdf

⁴ Ofcom’s Notice of Designation defines ‘Relevant Turnover’ as “turnover made from carrying on any Relevant Activity after the deduction of sales rebates, value added tax and other taxes directly related to turnover”. It also defines ‘Relevant Activity’ as “any of the following: a. the provision of Electronic Communications Services to third parties; b. the provision of Electronic Communications Networks, Electronic Communications Services and Network Access to Communications Providers; or c. the making available of Associated Facilities to Communications Providers”.

Monthly Payment

- 4.4 If the annual administrative charge as calculated above is more than £75,000, Ofcom will automatically allow payment of the amount due in monthly instalments. For amounts below this threshold please contact Ofcom to agree a payment schedule if required.

Administrative Charges for the Electronic Communications Code

- 4.5 Persons to whom the Electronic Communications Code (the 'Code') has been applied and who have therefore been granted 'Code powers' must pay an annual administrative fee. The fee is shown in Table 2 below for 2021/22.

Table 2: Electronic Communications Code Annual Administrative charges

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Annual Administrative Charge	1,000

- 4.6 The beneficiary of Code powers is charged once for administration of the Code, regardless of how many Code powers that beneficiary maintains.

Application Fee for the Electronic Communications Code

- 4.7 Persons who have been granted Code powers in a charging year must pay a one-off charge in respect of the estimated costs of dealing with their application for the Code, as shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Electronic Communications Code Application Charge

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Application Charge	10,000

5. Television Licence Fees

- 5.1 The categories of Television licences are:
- Category A** – Channel 3, Channel 4, Channel 5, Local Digital Television Programme Service and the Public Teletext Service Licence. (Note that this category includes associated Television Licensable Content Service ('TLCS' licences where content is simulcast);
 - Category B** – TLCS Licences, Digital Television Programme Service Licences, Commercial Additional Television Services Licences and Digital Television Additional Service Licences. (Note that this category does not include those TLCS licences which are included in Category A);
 - Category C** – Restricted Television Service Licences (long-term and short-term);
 - Category D** – Television Multiplex Licences;
 - Category E** – Teleshopping Channels.

Category A and B licence fees

- 5.2 The tariffs for Categories A and B relate to the licensee's Relevant Turnover⁵ for the year which ended 31 December 2019. The tariffs are progressive in that licensees pay proportionately more in fees as their Relevant Turnover increases, based on a cumulative sliding scale (see Table 4 below). There is a maximum Relevant Turnover cap of £300m, beyond which no fee is payable.

Table 4: Category A and B Licence Fees

Relevant Turnover Bands	Category A PSB / Local TV Revenues	Category A PSB Simulcast Revenues	Category B Revenues
£0m – £10m	0.17657%	0.17657%	0.01743%
£10m – £35m	0.26485%	0.26485%	0.03491%
£35m – £75m	0.39727%	0.39727%	0.06982%
£75m – £300m	0.59591%	0.59591%	0.13963%
Above £300m	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%

Notes:

Minimum Fee = £1,000

Rates are expressed cumulatively, e.g. for Category A licensees, 0.17657% is charged on the first £10m of Relevant Turnover; 0.26485% on the next £25m; 0.39727% on the next £40m and 0.59591% on the next £225m.

⁵ The concept of 'Relevant Turnover' for the purposes of calculating Television Licence fees is detailed in Ofcom's SoCP – see footnote 2 for the link to this document on our website.

Monthly Payment

5.3 If the annual licence fee calculated is more than £75,000, Ofcom will automatically allow payment of the amount due in monthly instalments. For amounts below this threshold please contact Ofcom to agree a payment schedule if required.

Category C, D and E licence fees

5.4 Licence fees for Categories C, D and E are shown in Tables 5 to 7 respectively below.

Table 5: Category C – Restricted Television Service Licences (long-term and short-term) and Restricted Events Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Restricted Event Licence	
Up to 1,000 seats	100
1,001 – 5,000	150
5,001 – 20,000	250
Over 20,000 seats	500
Restricted Services Licence	500

Table 6: Category D – Multiplex Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Digital Multiplex	
Fee per annum	10,000
Application / Renewal fee	25,000
Local Multiplex	
Fee per annum	5,000
Application / Renewal fee	10,000

Table 7: Category E – Teleshopping channels Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Shopping Channels	
Fee per annum	2,000

Application fees

5.5 Application fees for television licences are shown in Table 8 below.

Table 8: Application Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	Transfers/ Variations (£)
Television Licensable Content Service Licence	2,500	1,000
Restricted Events Licence	250	-
Digital Television Programme Service Licence	2,500	1,000
Digital Television Additional Service Licence	2,500	1,000
Digital Channel 3, Channel 5 and Public Teletext Licence	30,000	30,000
Public Service-Digital Television Programme Service (PS-DTPS)	15,000	1,000
Local Digital Television Programme Service	2,500	1,000

- 5.6 When the request to vary a PS-DTPS is made by a person who is a relevant public service broadcaster by virtue of holding a Channel 3 licence, and that variation is made on behalf of all the holders of regional Channel 3 licences who also hold PS-DTPS licences, this will typically be deemed as one variation request to which one variation fee is applicable.

6. Radio Licence Fees

6.1 This section 6 “Radio Licence Fees” sets out the annual fees payable in respect of the radio licence issued pursuant to the Broadcasting Act 1990 and the Broadcasting Act 1996. For the avoidance of doubts, the holders of radio licences may also be subject to fees payable in respect of licences issued by Ofcom pursuant to the Wireless and Telegraphy Act 2006.

National and Local Licence – Application and Licence Fees

Application Fees

6.2 All new applications for national and local radio licences must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee. The fees for each relevant licence category are shown in Table 9 below.

Table 9: National and Local Radio Licence Applications

	Population (Aged 15+)	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
		FM	AM
National Licences			
All Licences		100,000	100,000
Local Licences			
Category A	4,500,000 +	50,000	14,500
Category B	1,000,000-4,500,000	25,000	8,000
Category C	400,000-1,000,000	10,000	3,500
Category D	0-400,000	5,000	1,000

Annual Licence Fees

6.3 Annual licence fees are calculated as a percentage of the annual Relevant Turnover⁶ obtained from the licence for the calendar year which ended on 31 December 2019, as shown in Table 10 below.

Table 10: National and Local Radio Licence Fees

Bands	Tariff for 2021/22 % of Relevant Turnover
£0m – £1m	0.121%
£1m – £5m	0.182%
Over £5m	0.273%

⁶ The concept of ‘Relevant Turnover’ for the purposes of calculating Radio Licence fees is detailed in Ofcom’s SoCP – see footnote 2 for the link to this document on our website.

Monthly Payment

- 6.4 If the annual licence fee calculated is more than £5,000, Ofcom will automatically allow payment of the amount due in monthly instalments. For amounts below this threshold please contact Ofcom to agree a payment schedule if required.

De Minimis Threshold

- 6.5 The fee for holding national and local radio licences is set at zero where the fee due would otherwise be less than £100. This is in the interests of efficient administration for both Ofcom and licensees. Therefore, the de minimis threshold is £100 for existing national and local radio licence fees.

Fees for Renewal of National and Local Licences

- 6.6 All applications for renewal of national and local radio licences must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee. The fees for renewing each relevant licence category are shown in Table 11 below.

Table 11: National and Local Radio Licence Renewal Fees

	Population (Aged 15+)	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
		FM	AM
National Licences			
All Licences		100,000	100,000
Local Licences			
Category A	4,500,000 +	21,200	14,500
Category B	1,000,000-4,500,000	11,800	8,000
Category C	400,000-1,000,000	5,000	3,500
Category D	0-400,000	1,500	1,000

National and Local Radio Multiplex Licences – Application and Licence Fees

Application Fees

- 6.7 All applications for national and local radio multiplex licences must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee. The application fee for each relevant licence category is shown in Table 12 below.

Table 12: Radio Multiplex Licence Applications – National and Local

	Population (Aged 15+)	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
National Licences		
All Licences		50,000
Local Licences		
Category A	4,500,000 +	25,000

Category B	1,000,000-4,500,000	15,000
Category C	400,000-1,000,000	5,000
Category D	0-400,000	1,000

Annual Licence Fees

6.8 Annual fees for national and local radio multiplex licences have been set at a fixed rate as shown in Table 13 below.

Table 13: National and Local Radio Multiplex Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
National radio multiplex licences	10,000
Local radio multiplex licences	500

Community radio – Application and Licence Fees

6.9 Application and annual licence fees for community radio licences are shown in Table 14 below.

Table 14: Community Radio Application and Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Application fee	600
Annual licence fee	600

Restricted Service Licences (RSLs) (short-term) – Application and Licence Fees

Application Fees

6.10 A non-refundable fee is required for a short-term RSL application, as shown in Table 15 below.

6.11 There is however no fee for a Temporary Covid-19 short-term RSL application.

Table 15: Short-term RSL Application Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
Restricted Service Licence (Short-term) Application Fee	
Application Fee	400

Licence Fees

- 6.12 For short-term RSLs operating over a period of consecutive days (which will not normally exceed a maximum of 28 days, but exceptionally may do so) licence fees will be charged on a daily rate as shown in Table 16 below.
- 6.13 There is however no broadcasting licence fee for a Temporary Covid-19 short-term RSL (which may exceed 28 days).

Table 16: Short term RSLs

Daily Rate (£)	
a) AM (medium wave)	
All power levels	10
b) FM (VHF) e.r.p.	
i) Up to and including 1W	10
ii) Above 1W, up to and incl. 25W	30

- 6.14 For short-term RSLs operating over a period of non-consecutive dates where the period between the first date of the licence period and the last date of the licence period falls within a period exceeding 28 days the licence fee will be as shown in Table 17 below.

Table 17: Short-term RSLs (non-consecutive)

Fixed Rate (£)	
a) AM (medium wave)	
i) 29 to 140 days	675
ii) Over 140 days	1,250
b) FM (VHF)	
i) 29 to 140 days	1,000
ii) Over 140 days	1,550

Amendment Fees

- 6.15 An amendment fee as shown in Table 18 below is charged when an applicant wishes to amend details of its application after it has been approved by Ofcom.
- 6.16 There is however no amendment fee when an applicant wishes to amend details of its application for a Temporary Covid-19 short-term RSL after it has been approved by Ofcom.

6.17 Table 18: Short-term RSLs Amendment Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
Restricted Service Licence (Short-term) Amendment Fee	
Amendment Fee	200

Restricted Service Licences (long term) – Application and Licence Fees

Application Fees

6.18 A non-refundable fee is required for a long-term RSLs application, as shown in Table 19 below.

Table 19: Long-Term RSLs Application Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
Restricted Service Licence (Long-term) Application Fees	
Application Fee	200

Annual Licence Fees

6.19 The annual licence fee for a long-term restricted service licence varies according to the method of transmission as shown in Table 20 below.

Table 20: Long Term RSLs

	Annual Licence Fee (£)
a) Induction Loop (AM)	140
b) Low-powered (FM) Up to and including 50 mW e.r.p.	140
c) Low-powered (AM) Up to and including 1 watt.	275

Amendment Fees

6.20 An amendment fee as shown in Table 21 below is charged when an applicant wishes to amend details of its application after it has been approved by Ofcom.

Table 21: Long-Term RSLs Amendment Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
Restricted Service Licence (Long-term) Amendment Fee	
Amendment Fee	200

Audio Distribution Systems (ADS) Restricted Service Licences – Application and Licence Fees

Application Fees

6.21 A non-refundable fee is required for an ADS restricted service licence application, as shown in Table 22 below.

Table 22: ADS Restricted Service Licences Application Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
ADS Restricted Service Licence Application Fees	
Application Fee	200

Annual Licence Fees

6.22 The annual licence fee for an ADS restricted service licence is as shown in Table 23 below

Table 23: ADS Restricted Service Licences Licence Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
Licence fee per annum	275

Amendment Fees

6.23 An amendment fee as shown in Table 24 below is charged when an applicant wishes to amend details of its application after it has been approved by Ofcom.

Table 24: ADS Restricted Service Licence Amendment Fee

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
ADS Restricted Service Licence Amendment Fees	
Amendment Fee	200

Radio Licensable Content Service Licences – Application and Licence Fees

6.24 Application and annual licence fees for Radio Licensable Content Service Licences are as shown Table 25 below.

Table 25: Radio Licensable Content Service Licences Application and Licence Fees

Tariff for 2021/22 (£)	
Application fee	250
Annual licence fee	575

Digital Sound Programme Licences – Application and Licence Fees

6.25 Application and annual licence fees for Digital Sound Programme licences are as shown in Table 26 below.

Table 26: Digital Sound Programme Licences Application and Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Application fee	250
Annual licence fee	100

Digital Additional Services Licences – Application and Licence Fees

6.26 Application and annual licence fees for Digital Additional Services licences are as shown in Table 27 below.

Table 27: Digital Additional Services Licences Application and Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Application fee	250
Annual licence fee	100

Additional Services Licences – Application and Licence Fees

Application Fees

6.27 Application fees for Additional Services licences are as shown in Table 28 below.

Table 28: Additional Services Licences Application Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Additional Services Licences (on National FM Services only)	
Application Fee	20,000

Annual Licence Fees

6.28 Annual licence fees for Additional Services licences are as shown in Table 29 below.

Table 29: Additional Services Licences Licence Fees

Additional Services (on National FM Services only)	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Percentage fee of relevant turnover	10%
Minimum (per annum)	£25,000
Maximum (per annum)	£100,000

Small Scale Radio Multiplex Licences – Application and Licence Fees

6.29 Application and annual licence fees for the Small-Scale Radio Multiplex licences are as shown in Table 30 below.

Table 30: Small Scale Radio Multiplex Licence Application and Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Application fee	500
Annual licence fee	500

Community Digital Sound Programme Licences – Application and Licence Fees

6.30 Application and annual licence fees for Community Digital Sound Programme licences are as shown in Table 31 below.

Table 31: C-DSP Licences Application and Licence Fees

	Tariff for 2021/22 (£)
Application fee	250
Annual licence fee	100

7. Postal Charges

Administrative Charges for the Postal Sector

- 7.1 The allocation of costs for the postal sector is determined in accordance with the methodology described in Ofcom's separate Statement of Charging Principles for carrying out its postal services functions.⁷
- 7.2 As explained in those Principles, the administrative charge payable by a liable relevant postal operator is calculated by multiplying the total estimated cost of Ofcom carrying out its postal services functions referred to in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Postal Services Act 2011 by that operator's share of relevant turnover expressed as a percentage of the total relevant turnover generated by all liable relevant postal operators for the charging year in question.
- 7.3 Those Principles also state that the tariff applicable to the postal services sector will be set out in these Tariff Tables, which is £5.97m for 2021/22. Ofcom will use this figure to calculate each relevant postal operator's administrative charge.

Monthly Payment

- 7.4 If the annual administrative charge as calculated above is more than £75,000, Ofcom will automatically allow payment of the amount due in monthly instalments. For amounts below this threshold please contact Ofcom to agree a payment schedule if required.

⁷ See Annex 5 to Ofcom's statement entitled 'Recovering postal regulation and consumer advocacy costs', as published on 29 March 2018: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/recovering-postal-regulation-costs>.

A1. Analysis of Planned Expenditure, Fees and Charges for 2021/22

Sector	Planned Expenditure 2021/22 £	Variance c/f from 2019/20 £	2020/21 Outturn compared to Income £	Total Adjustment to 2021/22 Fees & Charges £	Fees & Charges for 2021/22 £	Fees & Charges for 2020/21 £	Fees Variance £	Fees Variance %
Spectrum Management [1]	£49.43m	-	£0.90m	£0.90m	£50.328m	£49.67m	£0.66m	1.3%
Networks and Services	£48.31m	(£1.05m)	(£6.44m)	(£7.49m)	£40.813m	£39.75m	£1.07m	2.7%
<i>TV Regulation Fees [2]</i>	£19.68m	£0.15m	£2.24m	£2.53m	£22.21m	£21.60m	£0.61m	2.8%
<i>TV Application Fees [3]</i>	£0.26m	£0.0m	£0.13m		£0.26m	£0.26m	£0.0m	1.2%
TV Broadcasting	£19.94m	£0.15m	£2.37m	£2.53m	£22.47m	£21.86m	£0.61m	2.8%
<i>Radio Regulation Fees [2]</i>	£1.87m	(£0.05m)	(£0.03m)	(£0.15m)	£1.71m	£2.06m	(£0.34m)	(16.7%)
<i>Radio Application Fees [3]</i>	£0.23m	(£0.01m)	(£0.07m)		£0.23m	£0.12m	£0.11m	95.4%
Radio Broadcasting	£2.10m	(£0.05m)	(£0.10m)	(£0.15m)	£1.95m	£2.18m	(£0.23m)	(10.6%)
NIS	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.07m	£0.07m	£0.07m	£0.08m	(£0.01m)	(9.9%)
Post Regulation	£4.79m	£0.21m	£0.97m	£1.17m	£5.97m	£5.12m	£0.84m	16.5%
<i>Other</i>	£7.36m	£0.0m	(£1.62m)	(£1.62m)	£5.73m	£6.73m	(£0.99m)	(14.8%)
Other	£7.36m	£0.0m	(£1.62m)	(£1.62m)	£5.73m	£6.73m	(£0.99m)	(14.8%)
TOTAL	£131.9m	(£0.75m)	(£3.86m)	(£4.61m)	£127.33m	£125.38m	£1.95m	1.6%
Online Harms	£19.2m	-	£0.0m	£0.0m	£19.20m		£19.20m	-
Telecoms Security Bill	£4.6m	-	£0.0m	£0.0m	£4.57m		£4.57m	-

[1] Satellite Fillings is included within Spectrum Management

[2] Includes fixed licence fees and Video On Demand fees in the TV sector

[3] Variance to budget on TV & Radio application fees are included in the total adjustments to the relevant sectors regulation fees