

Information Notice

Additional Spectrum available for 10.5GHz FWALA

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ComReg releases further spectrum for Fixed Wireless Access Local Area (FWALA) licensing in the 10.5GHz band

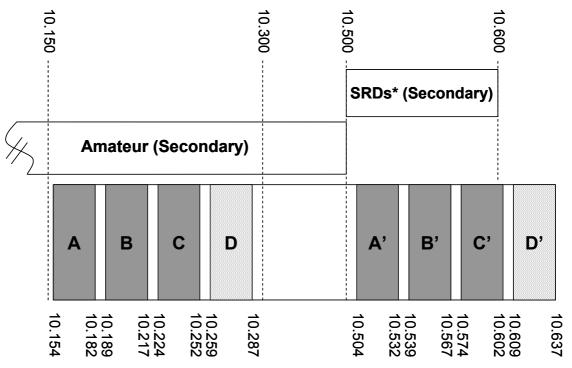
In March 2003, ComReg made spectrum available in the 10.5 GHz band for the provision of Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) services on a local area basis and invited applications from interested parties on a first-come, first-served basis (ComReg documents 03/34 & 03/35 refer).

At that time up to three channels of spectrum (2 x 28 MHz per channel) were made available in any given local area and applicants were free to specify the local area in which they wished to provide service. To date 11 local area licences have been awarded for FWALA in the 10.5GHz band to 3 different operators. All three channels of spectrum currently available have been licensed in the Dublin area. Please refer to the ComReg web-site for further information in relation to existing FWALA licences: www.comreg.ie/FWABroadband/FWABroadband

In consideration of the success of this scheme thus far and demand for further spectrum in the 10.5GHz band, ComReg has decided to make one further channel of spectrum (2 x 28 MHz) available for licensing under the FWALA scheme (see Appendix A).

The additional channel (channel DD' referring to Appendix A) is now available and shall be licensed under the FWALA regulations (S.I. 79 of 2003 as amended) and in accordance with the published guidelines document (ComReg document 03/34). Applications for all channels in the 10.5GHz band for FWALA must be made on the appropriate application form (ComReg document 03/35). All licence applications for FWALA in the 10.5GHz band are evaluated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis and in accordance with 03/34.

Appendix A



* Short Range Devices

Existing available channels: AA', BB' and CC' Proposed new channel: DD'