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# **INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS ON NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCES AND RELATED ISSUES**

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## **1. Introduction**

This document is intended to draw to the attention of intending applicants for the new telecommunications licences that revised Application Forms and Guidance notes will be available on the ODTR website ([www.odtr.ie](http://www.odtr.ie)) from 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1998.

The document also indicates the status of the decision by the Director relating to interconnection.

## **2. Revised Guidance Notes and Applications Forms**

Revised licence texts for both the Basic Telecommunications Licence and the General Telecommunications Licence will also issue very shortly and shall be posted on the ODTR website.

Guidance notes and applications forms were issued in draft to help companies advance their applications. The report on the consultation on the licence texts (ODTR 98/49), to be published on 23 October, 1998, highlights the need for a number of small changes and these will be reflected in the revised documents.

The Director required extra time to consider fully all comments and concerns raised in the consultation on the draft licences and to complete the texts.

In order to allow intending applicants time to consider these changes, the Director has extend the deadline for receipt of applications that will be considered for issue by 1<sup>st</sup> December. Applications received between **27<sup>th</sup> October and 5-00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> November** will now be considered for issue and this office will use best endeavours for other applications. Applicants are however advised to consider the revised documents carefully before submitting an application to the ODTR.

**Applicants should note that applications should be submitted only on the revised forms.**

Applicants should also note a change regarding guidance on Voice Telephony. Irish law requires that a provider of voice telephony must operate under a licence issued under section 111(2) of the 1983 Act. This means that the operator cannot operate under a Basic Telecommunications Licence. The revised guidance notes clarify this.

The following briefly outlines the additional information that applicants will be asked to provide in the application form:

- details of how access to the service will be provided (in particular direct, indirect, via Leased Lines, etc.)
- In relation to network information, applicants will be asked to provide details of infrastructure (switch or transmission equipment under the control of the applicant) the applicant has in place or is planning on putting in place within the next three years

## **1. Interconnect Rates**

The Director has also been actively reviewing Telecom Eireann's RIO's to establish cost-orientation and transparency of those rates, with the intention of approving or directing amendments by the end of October, prior to full liberalisation on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Director has also commissioned KPMG France to assist the ODTR with the review.

The submissions received to date do not allow the Director to treat the offer as justified. The Director will not now be in a position to accept or issue directions to Telecom Eireann to make amendments to the RIO's by the end of October.

The Director intends to review all available information as it exists at the end of October with the intention of directing appropriate amendments, if necessary, by mid November.

## 2. Future Papers

The following papers will be issued shortly by this office.

Number	Name of Document
98/44R*	Telecommunications Licences: Guidance Notes for Applicants
98/45R*	Application form for a Basic Telecommunications Licence
98/46R*	Application form for a General Telecommunications Licence
98/49	Telecommunications Licences: Report on the Consultation
98/50	Pro Forma General Telecommunications Licence
98/51	Basic Telecommunications Licence: Conditions

It is intended to issue the revised guidance notes and application forms on 23 October. These will in the first instance be posted on the ODTR website. Hard copies may be obtained from the Office on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October by contacting Ms. Maeve O'Reilly (Tel. 01-8049600; Fax. 01-8049680). The final licence text of both the Basic and General telecommunication licence will be issued very shortly.

The Director will also publish by mid-November a paper on her determination of the interconnect rates of Telecom Eireann.

\* (These are revised documents and will replace the draft versions currently on the website)