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## **ComReg announces new licensing scheme for provision of services to Business Radio users**

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today announced the introduction of a new flexible licensing scheme aimed at companies interested in providing two-way business radio services to third parties. The new scheme offers licensees the opportunity to provide a wide range of mobile business radio services, on a geographically unrestricted basis.

Business radio services are widely used by businesses such as taxi, security, courier and transport companies to provide instant communication of voice or data between personnel.

The Chairperson of ComReg, Isolde Goggin said: “The new scheme provides the business radio community with flexibility to provide a wide range of services to third parties and opens up new opportunities for business expansion and diversification. It will also lead to more effective use of radio spectrum resources, as it is intended that licences may be transferred to other operators on a commercial basis. The initiative is part of ComReg’s ongoing work to ensure optimal use of spectrum resources by introducing greater flexibility where possible.”

The scheme is expected to be of interest mainly to radio equipment suppliers or to those who currently hold wireless licences under the “Community Repeater” licensing scheme.

This announcement comes on foot of the Response to Consultation document ComReg 05/74 which is available on the ComReg website [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie) and follows a Consultation and Request for Expressions of Interest (ComReg 05/45). The scheme is expected to be launched shortly, as soon as the legal basis for the scheme has been passed into law.

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