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## **ComReg launches licensing scheme for community and religious transmissions**

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today launched a licensing scheme that will allow religious and community organisations to transmit services and events, such as religious services, for the benefit of people in local communities throughout the country.

ComReg's Wireless Public Address System (WPAS) licensing scheme will allow religious and community-based organisations to transmit services and events – such as, for example, Mass to people who are unable to attend.

ComReg has allocated a specific part of the radio spectrum, the 27.6 to 27.99 MHz band, for this scheme. A licence is required for each WPAS transmitter and costs €100. The licence is valid for 5 years and is renewable.

People who wish to listen to services transmitted via WPAS are not required to buy a licence. Such services will only be available on receivers capable of being tuned to the 27.6 to 27.99 MHz band. Such receivers are widely available from electronic equipment suppliers and are relatively inexpensive to purchase.

This new licensing scheme will allow Churches and community-based organisations throughout the country to cater for parishioners who are housebound and are unable to attend Church or other community services

Interested parties may find further information on this scheme on ComReg's website [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie)

- ComReg document 06/26 - Guidelines for Applicants
- ComReg document 06/26a - Application Form

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