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## **ComReg makes additional Spectrum available for Fixed Wireless Broadband Services**

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today published information regarding the release of additional spectrum in the 3.6 GHz – 3.8 GHz band for Fixed Wireless (FWALA) Broadband services for both home and business consumers.

Fixed Wireless Broadband now has in excess of 121,000 customers and has been a key driver in the take-up of broadband services in Ireland. To support the growing broadband demand, ComReg is now making four additional blocks of spectrum available for FWALA licensing in the 3.6 GHz to 3.8 GHz part of the band, as well as releasing Channel E in the 3.5 GHz band - a total of 118 MHz of spectrum in all.

ComReg Commissioner Mike Byrne said "This is a sizeable amount of spectrum and ComReg is pleased to be able to assist broadband consumers through greater availability and choice of service".

Please refer to ComReg Document 08/72 on ComReg's website [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie). The closing time and date for receipt of applications is 12pm on 16 October, 2008.

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### Editors Note

In 2003, ComReg launched its Fixed Wireless Access Local Area (FWALA) licensing scheme. These licences were for spectrum in the 3.4 GHz – 3.6 GHz band. To date, ComReg has issued 226 FWALA licences to 16 different operators.