



Commission for
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Information Notice

Expressions of Interest in 3G Mobile Telecommunications Licence

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Invitation for Expressions of Interest in Applying for a 3G Mobile Telecommunications Licence ('B' licence)

In 2001/2002 the then Office of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation (ODTR), now ComReg, ran a competition for the awarding of 3G licences. The competition invited applications for 4 different licences, one so-called 'A' licence and three 'B' licences. The outcome was that Hutchison 3G Ireland was awarded the 'A' licence and O₂ and Vodafone were each awarded a 'B' licence. There were no applicants for the remaining 'B' licence at that time.

3G services are already available in Ireland with Vodafone providing services for both the pre and post paid markets. Plans are at an advanced stage for the launch of similar services by the other two operators.

ComReg has now received a formal expression of interest in acquiring the remaining 3rd 'B' licence. In accordance with the Authorisation Directive requirements of openness and transparency, ComReg is therefore inviting further expressions of interest in acquiring the 3rd 'B' licence. General details of the licence process are provided in ComReg Document 05/41 including information on the level of the administration fee, purchase fee for the tender documentation and schedule for payment of spectrum access fees, etc.

Interested parties are requested to submit an expression of interest in writing to ComReg **by 7 July 2005**. Those responding with an expression of interest will then be invited to purchase the tender documentation and submit applications for the licence. In the event that two or more applications are received then ComReg will conduct a comparative evaluation in accordance with the procedures laid out in the tender documentation as for the original competition which took place in 2001/2002.

Expressions of interest should be sent to the address below and marked '**3G Expression of Interest**':

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Any comments on this proposal should also be sent to the same address no later than 17.30 on Friday 1st July.