



Commission for  
**Communications Regulation**

# **Extension of deadline for An Post's request to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing the universal postal service in 2015**

Information Notice

**Reference:** ComReg 16/72

**Date:** 24 August 2016

1. An Post, the sole designated universal postal service provider under the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011 (“2011 Act”), may seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing the universal postal service by making a request in writing to the Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”).
2. Such a request for funding may be made under section 35(1) of the 2011 Act and section 35(2) provides that such a request shall be in a form and manner determined by ComReg and shall be accompanied by supporting information as may be reasonably required by ComReg. ComReg Decision D09/13, published on 25 July 2013, set out ComReg’s determination as to the form and manner of any request for funding. Section 35(2)(b) of the 2011 Act provides that An Post must submit a request for funding no later than 6 months after the accounts for the financial year concerned have been audited, unless ComReg agrees otherwise.
3. On 19 August 2016, An Post submitted a request to extend the deadlines in respect of its net cost request for the financial year 2015 to 31 December 2016.
4. ComReg has considered An Post’s request and in accordance with section 35(2)(b) of the 2011 Act ComReg has agreed to extend, to 31 December 2016, the deadline in respect of any net cost request by An Post for the year 2015. This deadline will match the existing deadline already given by ComReg in respect of any An Post net cost request for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014<sup>1</sup>.
5. In the event that ComReg receives An Post’s net cost requests for the financial years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, it will conduct a public consultation seeking the views of interested parties. ComReg will publish a non-confidential version of An Post’s requests, in the interests of transparency and in accordance with ComReg’s consultation procedures (Document No. 11/34) and its guidelines on the treatment of confidential information (Document No. 05/24). ComReg has requested that An Post provides a redacted, non-confidential version of its net cost requests for the financial years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 at the same time as submitting its full net cost requests to ComReg.

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<sup>1</sup> ComReg Document No. 15/13 dated 12 February 2015