



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 2016

Information Notice

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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 4 October 2017, An Post submitted a request to extend the deadline in respect of a request to seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing a universal postal service in 2016, to 27 October 2018.
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 27 October 2018, the deadline in respect of any request made by An Post to seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing a universal postal service in 2016.
5. In the event that ComReg receives An Post's request for the financial year 2016 it will conduct a public consultation seeking the views of interested parties on that request and on ComReg's preliminary views. Furthermore, in the event that ComReg receives An Post's request for the financial year 2016, ComReg will publish a non-confidential version of An Post's request, 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 provide a redacted, non-confidential version of any request for the financial year 2016 at the same time as submitting its full request to ComReg.