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Comparative Evaluation Stage - Revised FWALA Licensing Process

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Today, ComReg has published the Revised Guidelines to Applicants for FWALA licences – ComReg Document 06/17. This document replaces ComReg Documents 03/34, 03/35 and 03/97 and sets out the ongoing process for FWALA licensing from now onwards.

The ongoing process for FWALA licensing is based upon the previous process but includes a number of revisions which are designed to simplify and streamline the process. The main revisions are listed below.

Given the changes in the FWALA licensing process, ComReg has decided that all FWALA applications received by ComReg between **now and 5.00 pm on the 4th of May 2006** shall enter a **comparative evaluation process**.

To submit a valid FWALA application for this comparative evaluation stage it is necessary to submit:

- A valid application using the FWALA Application Form (ComReg 06/17a) **AND**
- Complete and submit the Comparative Evaluation Form as set out in Annex 2 to ComReg Document 06/17.

All FWALA applications received **after 5.00 pm on the 4th of May 2006** shall be considered on a First Come First Served (FCFS) basis in accordance with revised Guidelines for Applicants (ComReg Document 06/17). The minimum requirements for an application are set-out in that document.

All FWALA applications that are currently with ComReg will be processed using the old guidelines.

Main Revisions to the FWALA process

- The same Guidelines for Applicants and FWALA Application Form are to be used for all FWALA frequency bands (i.e. 3.5 GHz, 10.5 GHz and 26 GHz)
- There is no longer a requirement to provide justification for expansion spectrum.
- All New Applications must be for the full channel bandwidth of the FWALA channel.
- The Full FWALA licence fee must be submitted with the application.

ComReg has also updated the FWALA maps on its website. Potential FWALA applicants can use these maps to identify the geographical areas in Ireland where FWALA spectrum is currently available.

See <http://www.comreg.ie/FWABroadband/FWABroadband.asp>