

Information Notice

Revised documents: ComReg 98/14R6, ComReg 98/15R5 and ComReg 02/11R2

Revised Guidelines to Applicants for Radio Links – Point to Point,

Application Form for a Point to Point Link Licence,

Point to Multi point Radio Link Licence Guidance Notes & Application Form

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Point to Point Radio Link usage in Ireland has almost doubled since 2002 and there are a greater number of users requesting radio link licences as a way of providing dedicated high bandwidth connections between two points. However, there has been little demand for such links below 1 GHz and indeed in the period since the commencement of the licensing regime in 1994, only 88 Point to Point licences below 1GHz have been issued. Moreover, only 3 such licenses have been issued in the last three years (two of which were issued last year).

ComReg's position regarding Terrestrial Fixed Services (Point to Point Radio Links), as stated in both the *Spectrum Management Strategy Statement 2008-2010* (ComReg Doc 08/50) and the *Radio Frequency Plan for Ireland* (ComReg Doc 07/81R2), is that ComReg will no longer be accepting new applications for fixed links below 1 GHz and will migrate all currently licensed fixed links out of the 440-470 MHz band over a three year period. It should be noted that Point to Multipoint radio links licensing would still be permitted in the 450-470 MHz band under the proposed revised document 02/11R.

ComReg has also taken this opportunity to request payment of Point to Point fixed link licence fees upon application. This approach is designed to help ComReg in further reducing the cycle time from application receipt to issue of licence for approved applications. In this regard, lengthy delays can occur in the licensing of approved applications due to delays in the payment of licence fees.