

## **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR TAXI RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE LICENCE**

The following guidelines for application for Taxi Radiocommunications Service (“TRS”) Licence are issued pursuant to section 6D(2)(a) of the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106).

2. In accordance with the Telecommunications Ordinance, a person is required to obtain a telecommunications licence to operate a telecommunications service. The Taxi Radiocommunications Service (hereinafter called “the Service”) is a mobile radiocommunications service provided to owners or drivers of taxis which enables two-way simplex radiocommunications between the control centre, connected to a base station, and the mobile stations for the purpose of transmitting and receiving messages concerning the operation of a taxi business.

3. An application must be supported by the specific information required as listed in “THINGS TO NOTE IN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION” below. The Communications Authority (“CA”) may request the applicant to provide additional information and clarification where necessary.

4. The application form for TRS Licence is available at CA web site (<http://www.coms-auth.hk>) or the Office of the Communications Authority at:

26/F, Wu Chung House,  
213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai,  
Hong Kong.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS**

#### **Introduction**

5. The maintenance and operation of all radiocommunications equipment for the operation of a taxi radio call service will be covered by one TRS Licence. Taxi owners and drivers subscribing to the Service are not required to take out a separate telecommunications licence for the mobile radio equipment installed on the taxi vehicle since the equipment is already covered by the “TAXI MOBILE STATION

CLASS LICENCE” created by the CA. However, taxi owners and drivers wishing to use the “Open Channels” for direct communications with other mobile stations should apply for a separate mobile radio licence through the respective taxi association which is a TRS licensee.

### **Form of Licence**

6. Sample copy of the TRS Licence may be obtained by downloading from Communications Authority web site at [www.coms-auth.hk](http://www.coms-auth.hk).

### **Period of Validity and Licence Fees**

7. A TRS Licence is valid for one year and may be renewed on an annual basis subject to the discretion of the CA. The licence fees payable on the grant or renewal of the licence will consist of the following elements:

- spectrum fee
- fee for base stations
- fee for mobile stations (the minimum number of mobile stations is 200)

The current TRS licence fees are published at CA web site at [www.coms-auth.hk](http://www.coms-auth.hk).

## **THINGS TO NOTE IN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**

### **Company Structure**

8. An applicant of TRS Licence should be a company registered under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) or an organization registered under the Societies Ordinance (Cap. 151). The mobile radio system to be operated by the applicant under the Licence must be used to provide a radio taxi call service. The CA will not accept any application from a company/organisation that does not provide radio taxi call service for a licence to use a mobile radio system. Licence will be issued to applicants who meet the criteria for licensing. There is no predetermined limit on the number of licences to be issued.

9. If the applicant is a company, the application should include copies of the Certificate of Incorporation and Business Registration Certificate of the applicant, information on the principal shareholdings, issued and paid-up share capital (e.g. Form NC1—Incorporation Form (Company Limited by Shares)), and list of current directors (e.g. Company Particulars Report issued by the Companies Registry). If the applicant is a registered society, the application should include a copy of the Certificate of Registration of a Society.

10. Where the applicant is a company already in existence, the application should include a copy of the latest audited profit and loss accounts and balance sheet. If the applicant is a newly formed company, the application should include the director's certificate of the amount of issued and paid-up share capital.

#### **Base station details**

11. The applicant should provide detailed information on the number of base stations to be installed and their proposed locations.

#### **List of Customers of the TRS Service**

12. The applicant should provide a list of the names of taxi owners or drivers together with their taxi vehicle registration numbers that would use the taxi radio call service.

#### **Exception**

13. An existing Public Radiocommunications Service Licensee operating a taxi radio call service may apply for a TRS Licence upon expiry of the current licence. The CA also allows existing Public Radiocommunications Service Licensees to apply for the corresponding new TRS licence upon surrender of their existing licences. Similarly, an existing taxi radio call service operator under the Mobile Radio System Licence may apply for conversion to the TRS Licence to provide the same service. In applying for the TRS licence, the applicant is only required to provide photocopies of the Certificate of Incorporation and Business Registration Certificate or a photocopy of the Certificate of Registration of a Society. Other supporting documents and information mentioned in paragraphs 9 to 12 are not required for existing licensees.

### **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

14. The licensed radiocommunications equipment should meet the relevant radio equipment specifications issued by the CA. These specifications are available at OFCA website at [www.ofca.gov.hk](http://www.ofca.gov.hk). The location(s) of the base station(s) of the Service have to be first approved by the CA.

## **ENQUIRIES**

15. Enquiries relating to licensing matters can be made by
- telephone at 2961 6671;
  - fax to 2180 9828 or mail to aforesaid address; or
  - e-mail to [license.mis@ofca.gov.hk](mailto:license.mis@ofca.gov.hk)

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