

Consultation Period on Telecommunications Licence Fees Reduction and Introduction of New Fee Component Extended to 6 August 2018

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Office of the Communications Authority announced today (4 July 2018) that the deadline for submission of responses to the consultation paper on “Licence Fees Reduction for Five Types of Licences Issued under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) and Introduction of a New Fee Component under Unified Carrier Licences” has been extended to 6 August 2018.

A spokesman said, "Having considered the request made by the industry, we have decided to extend the consultation period for one month, so that the industry and interested parties could have more time to submit their written views on the consultation paper”.

Under the proposed licence fees reduction, for unified carrier licences (UCLs), services-based operator licences (Class 3) and public radiocommunications service licences (Paging), licence fee for each customer connection/mobile station is proposed to be reduced from \$7 to \$5. For mobile radio system mobile station licences and private mobile radio system licences, licence fee for each mobile station is proposed to be reduced from \$270 to \$220. Holders of these five licences will benefit from the fees reduction proposal.

A new fee component for provision of Wireless Internet of Things (WIoT) services under UCL is also proposed.

All submissions in response to the consultation paper should be sent by post to the Office of the Communications Authority, 29/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, or by fax to 2834 1797, or by e-mail to consult-licence-fee-reduction-2018@ofca.gov.hk by the extended deadline of 6 August 2018. Submissions made after that date will not be considered.

**Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
(Communications and Creative Industries Branch) and
Office of the Communications Authority
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