

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL STATION LICENCE AND RADIO DEALERS LICENCE (UNRESTRICTED)

Introduction

Under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) (“the Ordinance”), other than a few exceptions, for example, sound/television broadcast receiving apparatus or radio apparatus (exempted under an exemption order made under section 39 of the Ordinance), a licence is required for (a) possession, establishment and maintenance (or use) of a radio system and (b) deal in the course of trade or business in radio apparatus. Accordingly, an appropriate telecommunications licence should first be obtained from the Communications Authority (“the Authority”) before a person can conduct test or deal in radio equipment. The licences required are (a) the Experimental Station Licence and (b) the Radio Dealers Licence (Unrestricted).

Criteria for granting the experimental station licence

2. Under the Experimental Station Licence, the Licensee is permitted to possess, establish and maintain transmitting and receiving stations for the purpose of testing and developing radio equipment/radio component part. For the grant of the experimental station licence, the prospective licensee has to be a business entity registered under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) or the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310), or an organisation legally registered in Hong Kong. All the radio stations permitted under the licence (“authorised stations”) must be stored or operated at a location pre-registered with the Authority. In addition, the authorised stations are required to be operated under a suppressed radiation condition such that radio emissions from them are confined within the curtilage of the premises in which the authorised stations are situated. If test has to be conducted outdoor, justification must be provided to the Authority for its consideration and approval. The licensees are generally manufacturers, testing laboratories or workshops providing repair services for radio equipment.

Criteria for granting the radio dealer licence (unrestricted)

3. Under the radio dealer licence (unrestricted), the licensee is permitted to (a) deal in radiocommunications apparatus and (b) import into or export from Hong Kong radio transmitting apparatus pursuant to section 9 of the Ordinance. Similar to the experimental station licence, the licensee has to be a business entity registered under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) or the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310), or an organisation legally registered in Hong Kong. In addition, all the radio stations to be sold must be stored at a fixed location pre-registered with the Authority. No radio dealer licence will be granted to a “hawker” unless he can demonstrate that he will be able to operate the business and store his radio equipment at a fixed location pre-registered with the Authority.

Application forms

4. Application forms for the above licences are available from OFCA or Communications Authority website at www.coms-auth.hk.

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