

Ofcom Update: Communications Monthly Update: February 2010

This update provides a list of recent Ofcom publications.

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Office of the Telecommunications Adjudicator Update

At the end of January, the number of unbundled lines stands at 6.4 million. The January figures for WLR lines and the number of telephone numbers using CPS were not available from Openreach at the time of publication, but will be updated here as soon as they become available later this week. <http://www.offta.org.uk/>

Office of the Adjudicator Broadcast Transmission Services Report

Ofcom has today published a report from the independent Office of the Adjudicator - Broadcast Transmission Services (OTA-BTS) for the period from 1 October 2009 to 31 December 2009. The report can be found here <http://www.adjudicator-bts.org.uk/reports.htm>

Separately, the OTA-BTS also published a consultation on its operating budget for the 2010/11 financial year. The consultation, which closes on the 12 February 2009, can be found here <http://www.adjudicator-bts.org.uk/consult.htm>

Notice of proposed changes to satellite services licences

Ofcom has published a notice of proposed changes to the schedule conditions for Permanent and Transportable Satellite Earth Station (PES and TES) licences. This is to facilitate recent legislation implementing the European Commission's Audio Visual Media Services Directive (AVMS).

The notice can be found at: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/satellite_services/

Consumer Protection Test

The Consumer Protection Test for telephone number allocation focuses on communications providers who have used numbers to cause serious or repeated harm to consumers. Ofcom will not allocate 070 personal numbers, 0871/2/3 special service higher rate numbers and 09 premium rate numbers to anyone who appears on either of two lists. We strongly encourage all providers that assign telephone numbers to others to take best use of numbers and consumer protection into account and to refer to the following two lists that we are publishing when making assignment decisions. The latest 'Under Assessment' and 'Number Refusal' lists have been updated here: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/telecoms/loi/numbers/cpt/>

Media Literacy eBulletin

This month's Media Literacy e-bulletin features news on the BBC's forthcoming media literacy activity, along with news on CEOP's resources to support Safer Internet Day. There's also news on the launches of the Online basics adult IT courses, and the new International Media Literacy Research Forum website, along with Nations news and dates for your diary. The e-

bulletin can be found here:

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/advice/media_literacy/medlitpub/bulletins/issue29/

Radio licensing update

The Monthly Update provides information about Ofcom's broadcast radio licensing activity for both commercial and community sectors. It details commercial radio licence re-advertisements (including the 'pre-advertisement' of the Telford licence this month); changes to the Formats of commercial stations; and community radio licence awards information.

This month's update also contains information regarding our procedures for handling the issue of non-payment of Broadcasting Act licence fees along with Community Fund Panel decisions for January. <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/rbupdates/update0110/>

Television broadcast licensing update

The latest information about Ofcom's broadcast TV licensing activity, including details of new licences issued and changes to existing licences, can be found here:

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv/ifi/tvlicensing/tvupdates/monthly/201001>