

PART V.

PRIVATE COMMERCIAL STATIONS.

146. Private commercial stations shall be subject to the provisions of Part I of these regulations, and also to the provisions of this Part.

147. The Minister may issue licenses for the establishment of private commercial stations on land for the exchange of correspondence with certain other stations (fixed or mobile) which shall be named in the license. Such stations may be licensed either for general public correspondence or for the private correspondence of the owner: Provided that the exchange of general public correspondence with mobile stations shall not be permitted.

148. A person desiring to erect a private commercial station must furnish to the Minister full particulars of the proposed station, including the frequency (wave-length) desired, and the type of service proposed, at least three months before the license is required. In addition, the approximate date on which the proposed station, if approved, will be ready for operation must be stated.

149. Private commercial stations shall be divided into three classes, and the Minister shall determine into which class any station shall be placed.

150. A private commercial station shall be operated only by a person possessing an appropriate certificate as follows:—

For Class 1 stations—First-class radio-telegraph operator's certificate:

For Class 2 stations—Second-class radio-telegraph operator's certificate:

For Class 3 stations: (a) Using telegraphy—a third-class radio-telegraph operator's certificate; (b) using telephony—a radio-telephone operator's certificate:

or a certificate of higher class covering the same scope.

151. The hours of service, class of station, operating-frequency (wave-length), and scope of service shall be as approved by the Minister, and shall be shown in the license.

152. Private commercial stations authorized to engage in the service of public correspondence must be connected with the general communication system. The requirements of this section may, at the Minister's discretion, be deemed to be fulfilled if one of the stations of the private radio system be provided with rapid and direct means for the exchange of traffic with a telephone or telegraph office connected with the general communication system of the Post and Telegraph Department.

153. (1) The apparatus used in any private commercial station must be capable of transmitting and receiving at a speed of at least equal to thirty words per minute.

(2) For the purpose of this regulation, the number of words shall be calculated on the basis of five letters to a word.

154. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, the fee for a private commercial-station license shall be as follows, payable in advance:—

(a) For a Class 1 station, £10 10s.

(b) For a Class 2 station, £5 5s.

(c) For a Class 3 station, £2 2s.

(2) Where the period to the 31st day of March following the issue of a license is less than one year, the fee for the license shall be at the rate of—

(a) For a Class 1 station, 17s. 6d. per calendar month or fraction thereof.

(b) For a Class 2 station, 8s. 9d. per calendar month or fraction thereof.

(c) For a Class 3 station, 3s. 6d. per calendar month or fraction thereof.

(3) Where the period to the 31st day of March following the issue of a license is less than three months, the fee for the next ensuing twelve months shall be added to the initial payment, and a license shall be issued accordingly for the period covered by such fee.

(4) Provided, however, that in circumstances where the proposed station is to form part of the general communication system, the Minister may, at his discretion, waive the fee.