

RESOLUTION No. 108 OF APRIL 26, 2011
on approval of the Tariff for fees for radio and television activity

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESOLVED:

Sole Article. Approves the Tariff for fees for radio and television activity.

Final provisions

§ 1. The Tariff for fees for radio and television activity, approved by Decree No. 135 of the Council of Ministers of 2006 (SG, issue 49 of 2006), is hereby repealed.

§ 2. The Decree shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Prime Minister: **Boyko Borisov**

Secretary General of the Council of Ministers: **Rosen Zhelyazkov**

TARIFF
FOR FEES FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION ACTIVITIES

Section I

General Provisions

Art. 1. Fees for radio and television activities shall be determined in accordance with the following principles:

1. equality of radio and television operators;
2. proportionality in relation to administrative costs;
3. promotion of competition and the provision of new services;
4. satisfaction of the needs of society for quality radio and television services.

Art. 2. The amount of the initial license, respectively registration, fee shall be determined in accordance with the necessary administrative costs for the preparation and issuance of the individual license, respectively for the registration.

Art. 3. The amount of the annual fee is determined in accordance with the necessary administrative costs of the Council for Electronic Media for the supervision of compliance with the conditions for the provision of services based on the following criteria:

1. according to the number of registered residents who can be served by the licensed, respectively registered, service or the service under Art. 125g of the Radio and Television Act:
 - a) up to 6000 inhabitants;
 - b) from 6001 to 30,000 inhabitants;
 - c) from 30,001 to 100,000 inhabitants;
 - d) from 100,001 to 500,000 inhabitants;
 - e) over 500,000 inhabitants;
 - f) national coverage;
2. according to the territorial scope of the service:
 - a) local;
 - b) regional;
 - c) national;
3. according to the type of service:
 - a) audiovisual media services;
 - b) radio services.

Section II
Fees for licensed services

Art. 4. An initial fee shall be collected for the issuance of an individual license, as follows:

1. for checking the regularity of the documents – 150 BGN;
2. for the issuance of an individual license – 3000 BGN.

Art. 5. For making changes to the terms of an issued individual license for each legal entity, a fee shall be collected as follows:

1. for considering the request – 150 BGN;
2. for making changes related to the identification parameters of the legal entity – 150 BGN;
3. for making changes related to the name and duration of the program – 150 BGN;
4. for making other changes, including extending the term of the issued license – 2000 BGN.

Art. 6. For issuing a copy of a document issued by the Council for Electronic Media, a fee shall be collected as follows:

1. for the first page – 5 BGN
2. for each subsequent page – 0.50 BGN

Art. 7. For the supervision of compliance with the law and the terms of the issued license, an annual fee shall be collected as follows:

1. for the provision of radio services:

Number of registered residents	Up to 6000	From 6001 to 30,000	From 30,001 to 100,000	From 100,001 to 500,000	Over 500,000	National coverage
Local coverage	500 BGN	1000 BGN	1500 BGN	2000 BGN	2500 BGN	-
Regional coverage	1000 BGN	1500 BGN	2000 BGN	2500 BGN	3000 BGN	-
National coverage	-	-	-	-	-	5000 BGN

2. for the provision of audiovisual media services:

Number of registered residents	Up to 6000	From 6001 to 30,000	From 30,001 to 100,000	From 100,001 to 500,000	Over 500,000	National coverage
Local coverage	2000 BGN	2500 BGN	3000 BGN	3500 BGN	4000 BGN	-
Regional coverage	2500 BGN	3000 BGN	3500 BGN	4000 BGN	4500 BGN	
National coverage	-	-	-	-	-	5000 BGN

Art. 8. (1) The annual fees under Art. 7 shall be paid as follows:

1. providers of radio services/audiovisual media services whose programs are provided for distribution in their entirety and in an unchanged form in more than one locality, provided that they do not include volumes of programs with a regional and/or local focus for the relevant locality, shall pay a fee in the amount specified in Art. 7 for the relevant activity;

2. providers of radio services/audiovisual media services whose programs are provided for distribution simultaneously in two or more populated areas shall pay a fee in the amount specified in Art. 7 for the relevant activity for national coverage;

3. providers of radio services/audiovisual media services whose programmes are made available for distribution simultaneously, in their entirety and in an unchanged form via existing and/or new electronic communications networks for terrestrial analogue radio broadcasting and via an electronic communications network for terrestrial digital radio broadcasting shall pay an annual fee in the amount specified in Art. 7.

(2) In cases where the individual license is issued after the beginning of the year, the annual fee due shall be calculated as part of the relevant fee under Art. 7 in proportion to the calendar days from the date of entry into force of the decision of the Council for Electronic Media to issue the license until the end of the year for which it is due.

(3) In cases where the individual license is revoked or terminated before the end of the year, the annual fee due shall be calculated as part of the relevant fee under Art. 7 in proportion to the calendar days from the beginning of the year until the date of entry into force of the decision of the Council for Electronic Media to revoke or terminate the license.

(4) In cases where the provider of radio services/audiovisual media services does not carry out activities under an issued individual license, it shall annually, no later than the end of March of the current year, notify the Council for Electronic Media thereof in writing.

(5) Providers of radio services/audiovisual media services that do not carry out radio and television activities under an issued individual license and have notified the Council for Electronic Media in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 4 shall not owe an annual license fee.

Section III

Registered Service Fees

Art. 9. An initial fee is charged for registration, as follows:

1. for checking the regularity of the documents – 150 BGN;
2. for carrying out the registration, including for issuing a certificate – 2250 BGN.

Art. 10. For making changes in the registered circumstances for radio or television activity, including for issuing a certificate, a fee of 150 BGN shall be collected.

Art. 11. For issuing a duplicate of the certificate of registration for radio and television activity, a fee of 50 BGN shall be collected.

Art. 12. For the supervision of compliance with the requested program project, program concept, program profile or program schedule, an annual fee shall be collected, as follows:

1. for the provision of radio services:

Number of registered residents	Up to 6000	From 6001 to 30,000	From 30,001 to 100,000	From 100,001 to 500,000	Over 500,000	National coverage
Local coverage	500 BGN	1000 BGN	1500 BGN	2000 BGN	2500 BGN	-
Regional coverage	1000 BGN	1500 BGN	2000 BGN	2500 BGN	3000 BGN	-
National coverage	-	-	-	-	-	5000 BGN

2. for the provision of audiovisual media services:

Number of registered residents	Up to 6000	From 6001 to 30,000	From 30,001 to 100,000	From 100,001 to 500,000	Over 500,000	National coverage
Local coverage	2000 BGN	2500 BGN	3000 BGN	3500 BGN	4000 BGN	-
Regional coverage	2500 BGN	3000 BGN	3500 BGN	4000 BGN	4500 BGN	-
National coverage	-	-	-	-	-	5000 BGN

Art. 13. (1) The annual fees under Art. 12 shall be paid as follows:

1. for a program up to 6 hours long, distributed by cable – the relevant fee under Art. 12, reduced by 75 percent;

2. for a program over 6 to 12 hours long, distributed by cable – the relevant fee under Art. 12, reduced by 50 percent.

(2) In cases where the registration is carried out after the beginning of the year, the annual fee due shall be calculated as part of the relevant fee under Art. 12 in proportion to the calendar days from the date of registration by the Council for Electronic Media until the end of the year for which it is due.

(3) In cases where the registration is terminated before the end of the year, the annual fee due shall be calculated as part of the relevant fee under Art. 12 in proportion to the calendar days from the beginning of the year until the date of termination of registration by the Council for Electronic Media.

Section IV

Fees for on-demand media services

Art. 14. A fee of 50 BGN shall be collected for issuing a certificate of entry in the public register of a provider of on-demand media services.

Section V

Procedure for payment of fees

Art. 15. The initial license and registration fee shall be paid upon receipt of the individual license and the registration certificate, except for the fee for verification of the regularity of the documents, which shall be paid upon submission of the application.

Art. 16. (1) The annual fee shall be paid in 4 equal installments on the following dates: March 31, June 30, September 30 and November 30 of the year for which it is due.

(2) The annual fee may be paid in advance by January 31 of the current year with a 5 percent discount.

Art. 17. (1) The fees due shall be transferred by bank transfer to the account of the Council for Electronic Media or shall be paid in cash to its cash desk.

(2) Bank payments shall be certified by a certified copy of the payment order.

Art. 18. Unduly paid fees shall be refunded at the request of the interested party.

Final provision

Sole paragraph. The tariff is approved on the basis of Art. 102, § 6 of the Radio and Television Act.