

MALTA

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Basis for operation Section 118 & 119 of the Constitution of Malta

Legal framework Broadcasting Act:- Chapter 350 of the Laws of Malta

General remit TV radio networks and infrastructures
 Others (please specify)

Funding mechanisms licence fee industry fee state budget
 mixed funding (please specify):
 other (please specify):

Composition

Number of members: 5 Term of office: Maximum 5 years currently appointed for a 3 year period Re-election possible:

Proposal of members:

Appointment of members: Section 118 (2) of the Constitution stipulates that members of the Authority are appointed by the President of Malta acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after the latter had consulted the Leader of the Opposition.

Revocation of mandate possible: based on: based on Section 118 (6) of the Constitution which states that a member of the Broadcasting Authority may be removed from office by the President of Malta acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, but the said members may be removed only for inability to discharge the functions of office (whether arising from

infirmity of mind or body or any other cause)
or for misbehaviour.

Number of staff: 27

Chairman: Chief Justice Emeritus

Dr Joseph Said Pullicino B.A. Hons LL.D

Vice Chairman: None

Please describe your authority's structure if it does not have a board:

Competences

		(community Radio Only)		
		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Others (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the areas where your authority is not competent to grant licences, please specify the authority in charge:

Please add any other relevant information:

Granting of registrations	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Others (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the areas where your authority is not competent to grant registrations, please specify the authority in charge:

Please add any other relevant information:

Frequency allocation

		(community only)		
Supervision of	private broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	public broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Handling complaints

Sanctioning issue warning impose fine demand to broadcast announcement
 revoke licence suspend licence reduction in the licensing period
 suspend a programme / broadcast
 other (please specify):

Rule making codes rules Broadcasting licences in terms of Section 35 of the Broadcasting Act, Directives in terms of Section 15 of the Act and Programme Directives in terms of Section 23 (4) (6) of the Act.

other : In addition to the Advertising and Sponsorship Code in the Third Schedule of the Broadcasting Act, various guidelines and codes for programmes in terms of Sections 20 and 21 of the Broadcasting Act

Consultative powers : According to Section 33 of the Broadcasting Act , the Authority may appoint, or designate any organ, as advisory committees to give advice to the Authority and to any person providing broadcasting services in Malta, on educational and religious matters, on standards of conduct in the advertising of goods or services, and on such other matters as the Authority may determine.

Power of nomination : As Above
(e.g. chairman of PSB)

Monitoring programming
 financial performance
 others (please specify):

Others Please specify:

Please add any information you deem important:

ⁱ By "licence fee" we refer to the public service licence fee usually paid by the entire population, whereas the term "industry fee" implies all those funding mechanisms based on a contribution from broadcasters themselves, including, for example, licensing fees (i.e. an amount of money that is paid by the broadcaster for it to be able to carry out its broadcasting operations) and frequency taxes.