

## Norway

Name of Regulatory Authority : **Statens medieforvaltning – The Mass Media Authority, Norway**  
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### Basis for operation

Legal framework : **Broadcasting Act and its provisions**  
  
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: Term of office: years Re-election possible:   
Proposal of members: <please describe the procedure>  
  
Appointment of members: <please describe the procedure>  
  
Revocation of mandate possible:  based on: <please state the possible reasons for revocation of the mandate>  
  
Number of staff: 16  
Chairman: **Tom Thoresen** Vice Chairman:  
(if not applicable, please name Director General)

Please describe your authority's structure if it doesn't have a board: **The Mass Media Authority is an institution under The Ministry of Cultural Affairs. It does not have a board. Its organisation is divided in two departments: Broadcasting division and Press- and administration.**

## Competences

		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	N/A	N/A	N/A
	satellite digital broadcasters	N/A	N/A	N/A
	cable analogue broadcasters	N/A	N/A	N/A
	cable digital broadcasters	N/A	N/A	N/A
	others(please specify):	N/A	N/A	N/A

in the areas where your authority is not competent to grant licences, please specify the authority in charge: ***The Ministry of Cultural Affairs***

Please add any other relevant information:

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

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 is executed by The Norwegian Post- and Telecommunications Authority***

Frequency allocation

Supervision of	private broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	public broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Handling complaints

Sanctioning

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> issue warning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> impose fine	<input type="checkbox"/> demand to broadcast announcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> revoke licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> suspend licence	<input type="checkbox"/> reduction in the licensing period
<input type="checkbox"/> suspend a programme / broadcast		
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):		

Rule making

<input type="checkbox"/> codes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rules (please specify): <b><i>Provisions and guidelines (rules) based on The Broadcasting Act</i></b>
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other (please specify):

Consultative powers  please specify the areas covered: ***The Mass Media Authority is a consultative institution for media matters in general for The Ministry of Cultural Affairs, especially on the area covered by The Broadcasting Act and its provisions (advertising, sponsoring, granting of subsidies and protection of minors).***

Power of nomination  please specify:  
(e.g. chairman of  
PSB)

Monitoring  programming  
 financial performance  
 others (please specify): ***Rules on advertising and sponsoring (Broadcasting Act and its provisions)***

others  Please specify: ***Granting subsidies to the press, local broadcasting and media research.***

Please add any information you deem important:

***The following three institutions will converge into one institution January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005: The Mass Media Authority, The National Board of Film Classification and The Norwegian Media Ownership Authority. The new institution will have many new tasks to approach the future of the media society with digitalisation and convergence.***

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<sup>i</sup> 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.