

When a Broadcasting Licence is Required

Under the Broadcasting Act 1993, a broadcasting licence is required to provide programme services from places within the Isle of Man. A Wireless Telegraphy Act licence is also normally required and this is obtained from Ofcom in the UK.

The Commission can grant Broadcasting Act (of Tynwald) licences to provide programme services in a manner which it considers best ensures that high quality and varied programming is available on-Island. When determining whether to grant a licence, the Commission must consider certain criteria. These include the ability for an applicant to sustain the service, the extent to which the proposed service meets the demand of Island residents or whether this demand can be met by other means and whether the proposed service would affect the ability of any existing services to operate.

Broadcasting Licences for Special Events

Please contact the Commission if you are considering broadcasting a special event, for example a sporting event or music event. Please give notice to the Commission at least **6 months** prior to the event, with more notice if you can. This is due to the fact that a radio broadcast will require clearance from Ofcom (the UK Regulatory Body which regulates spectrum use on behalf of the Isle of Man) and may require an application to [Ofcom](#) for a licence issued under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (of Parliament). If you are not an existing Broadcasting Act Licence holder then you will also be required to apply for a Broadcasting Act Licence issued under the [Broadcasting Act 1993 \(of Tynwald\)](#).

Help and Guidance

There is help and guidance available on our website, to assist you with a broadcasting licence application:

[Licence Application Guidance and Process](#)

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