

LICENCE TERMS AND CONDITION FOR COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS RADIO STATION (CRS)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. This Licence authorizes the licensee to construct, operate and maintain a community and campus radio station within the area designated and approved by the Authority and other local authorities.
2. The Licensee shall comply with all Guidelines, Rules, technical standards and notifications stipulated and issued by the Authority.
3. The license shall be effective from the date and term as mentioned in the license for a term specified in the license.
4. The Licensee shall not provide any service or install, maintain or operate any system that is not authorized in this License, except pursuant to a separate License or other proper authorization from the Authority.
5. The Licensee shall not transfer this license without the prior approval from the Authority.

RENEWAL

6. The License shall be for a period of one year and the license has to be renewed annually upon its expiry.
7. The licensee shall pay the administrative fees of Nu.500.00 on an annual basis to the Authority on or before the license expiry date. However, a grace period of maximum of 30 days shall be admissible. A fine of Nu.50.00 (Ngultrum Fifty only) per day shall be charged after the grace period for a maximum of 180 days after which the license shall be automatically cancelled.

PROGRAMMES

8. Language

- a) The CRS shall preferably operate in the languages spoken in the community; however a minimum of 30% of the programmes shall be provided in the national language in a day and limited to the local matters.
- b) The CRS may include few broadcasting programmes in English if need be.

9. Programmes

- a) The programmes should be of immediate and direct relevance to the community.
- b) At least 50% of content shall be generated with the participation of the local community, for which the station has been set up.
- c) The licensee shall submit the detailed tentative broadcast programme schedule of the CRS to the Authority prior to the formal operation.
- d) The licensee shall ensure that the programmes meet generally accepted social standards and respect family values and the culture and tradition of Bhutan.
- e) The licensee shall not broadcast any material, which is indecent or offensive to the religion or moral of any section and ethnic of the Bhutanese public.
- f) The licensee shall not show any undue preference or favouritism or exercise undue discrimination in any manner or on any ground, against any person or group of persons or any sections of society or organisations or political parties or topics of discussion.
- g) The licensee shall not favour any particular political parties during the course of election or during campaigns of political parties or individual politicians.
- h) The licensee shall be required to extend a right of reply, in the interest of fairness and impartiality, when they have broadcast material that unjustly places a person in an unfavourable height or status.
- i) The licensee shall retain the programmes broadcasted in the CRS for two months from the date of broadcast.

10. The talk shows in the CRS shall:

- a) Take into consideration all that are mentioned above;
- b) address itself primarily for the needs of the people and the country;
- c) conduct according to the Civil Service Codes and Ethics if any civil servants are involved
- d) be truthful, fair and clear, and not contain any untrue or misleading statements and be manipulative or deceptive or distorted.
- e) know the difference between differences of opinion and personal attacks;

- f) commit to accuracy and sensitivity in the issues covered in the show;
- g) commit to presenting reality without resorting to sensationalism;
- h) verify and cross check all sources for facts; and
- i) Co-operate with the relevant government ministries, departments, statutory boards or official agencies in all ways possible for the provision of security and emergency services.

11. Election Coverage

- a) During the electoral campaigns and election periods, the CRS shall refrain from misuse of FM radio facility for political gains and should abide by any laws, rules, regulations, directives or code issued by the Election Commission of Bhutan or the Authority.
- b) However, the CRS shall facilitate the information sharing on the election requirements to the public but such necessary information dissemination should be conducted in accordance with any other laws, rules, regulations, directives or code governing the behavior of media during the electoral campaigns.

12. Coverage during Emergency and Disaster

The CRS should make announcements and notifications in public interest in the community at any time in times of emergency on a real time basis without any charges.

COMPETENCE

13. Staffs and its Competence

The CRS shall possess a technical staff that will be responsible for repair and technical operation of the station.

14. Obligation of Licensed Services

- a) The licensee shall furnish to the Authority such information as may be required by the Authority, from time to time in connection with its functions, powers and responsibilities.
- b) The Licensee shall abide by the required technical standards as mentioned in the Guidelines for Community or and Campus Radio Station.
- c) The licensee shall ensure that the Service do not cause any damage to, or interference with, any other Licensed ICT facility and/or ICT service provider.

- d) The licensee shall conduct its operations and shall establish its service in a manner so that it is not a safety hazard and is not in contravention to any Law, Rules or Regulations of the country.

BREACHES AND PENALTIES

15. In the event the licensee violates any of the above terms and conditions and the violation(s) is/are established with evidences, the Authority shall impose following penalties if the said violation is not criminal in nature:

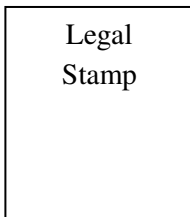
- a) Issue a written warning letter
- b) Impose a penalty fine up to six months daily minimum wage or
- c) Suspend/Revoke the license for a period as per the provision of the Act
- d) Cancel the licence

AGREED TO AND SIGNED ON.....(Day).....(Month).....(Year)

BETWEEN

Licensee/Authorized representative

Authority



Name:

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Address:

Bhutan InfoComm and Media Authority

Witnessed by:

Witnessed by:

Signature:

Name:

Radiocom & TV Division

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