

Covid-19: Suspension measures for private radio licences

Final licences

BIPT would like to inform holders of a **final private licence**¹ of the possibility of suspending their licence during the period when restrictive measures are implemented by the competent authority, as these measures have an impact on their (economic) activities. This suspension can be granted in the following cases:

- 🕒 If the licence holder has been compelled to cease all economic activity due to the measures imposed by the competent authority;
- 🕒 If the licence holder has been indirectly affected by the restrictive measures imposed by the competent authority, which have made it impossible to continue economic activities.

In both cases, BIPT may decide, subject to reception of the necessary supporting documents from the applicant, to retroactively apply a credit to the annual fee for the period concerned.

The suspension applications can be sent to the Radio licences department (licencesradio@ibpt.be), with the following documents attached:

- 🕒 File number(s);
- 🕒 Name and signature of the responsible person;
- 🕒 Any useful supporting document showing that the economic activities have been suspended and/or the network concerned was not used;
- 🕒 The exact period during which the network was not used.

Temporary licences

Holders of or applicants for a **temporary licence**² can use the following support measures:

- 🕒 At the client's request, the annual fee can be credited for files being processed or finalised files for which the start date of the licence has not yet passed. Where appropriate, only the handling charges will be charged to cover the processing cost of the file;
- 🕒 At the client's request, the annual fee can be credited for the finalised files for which the start date of the licence has passed, but for which the event had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the measures taken by the competent authority in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. Where appropriate, only the handling charges will be charged to cover the processing cost of the file;
- 🕒 At the client's request, the complete file can be annulled free of charge if the administrative or technical processing of the file has not yet started;
- 🕒 At the client's request, the date of the licence can be postponed to a later date, free of charge.

¹ The holders of a final licence, the licence being subject to the Royal Decree of 18 December 2009 on private radio communications and user rights for fixed networks and trunk networks.

² The holders of a temporary licence, the licence being subject to the Royal Decree of 18 December 2009 on private radio communications and user rights for fixed networks and trunk networks.

More information?

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