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The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority"), published in Notice 238 of 2020 in *Government Gazette* No. 43207 of 6 April 2020 Information and Communications Technology ("ICT") COVID-19 National Disaster Regulations, with the sixth and last amendment published on 31 August 2021 in *Government Gazette* No. 45069 which extended the temporary radio frequency spectrum licences issued to certain Individual Electronic Communications Network Service ("IECNS") and Individual Electronic Communications Services ("IECS") licensees in April 2020 to 30 November 2021. The Authority will not be extending the temporary radio frequency spectrum licences issued in April 2020 and such licences will terminate on 30 November 2021.

Consequently, the Authority hereby publishes the Regulations in terms of section 4(3)(1) of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000 ([Act No. 13 of 2000](#)) and sections 4(1) and (7)(b) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 ([Act No. 36 of 2005](#)), and in consideration to the Electronic Communications, Postal and Broadcasting Directions issued by the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies under regulation 10(8) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 ([Act No. 57 of 2002](#)) (Government Notice No. 318 published in *Government Gazette* No. 43107 of 18 March 2020), issued by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

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1. Definitions

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression to which meaning has been assigned in the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000 ([Act No. 13 of 2000](#)), underlying statutes, the Disaster Management Act, 2002 ([Act No. 57 of 2002](#)) and the regulations made by ICASA has the meaning so assigned.

The following words shall have the meanings assigned to them below:

"**the Act**" means the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 ([Act No. 36 of 2005](#)), as amended;

"**Disaster Management Act**" means the Disaster Management Act, No. 57 2002;

"**Days**" means working days unless stated otherwise;

"**National Disaster**" means the COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of South Africa, as declared as such by the Head: National Disaster Management Centre, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of Notice No. 312, *Government Gazette* No. 43096 dated 15 March 2020, pursuant to the provisions of section 23(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act;

"**National State of Disaster**" means the national state of disaster as declared by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of Notice No. 313, *Government Gazette* No. 43096 dated 15 March 2020, pursuant to the provisions of 27 of the Disaster Management Act; and

"2020 Regulations" means the regulations published by Government Notice No. 238 (*Government Gazette* No. 43207) of 6 April 2010, as amended by Government Notice No. 252 (*Government Gazette* No. 43279) of 5 May 2020, No. 500 (*Government Gazette* No. 43707) of 11 September 2020, Government Notice No. 678 (*Government Gazette* No. 43945) of 27 November 2020, Government Notice No. 165 (*Government Gazette* No. 44374) of 31 March 2021, Government Notice No. 314 (*Government Gazette* No. 44631) of 28 May 2021 and Government Notice No. 785 (*Government Gazette* No. 45069) of 31 August 2021.

2. Purpose

The purpose of these Regulations is to prescribe minimum standards that Licensees must adhere to during the National State of Disaster which was declared on 15 March 2020 in order to—

- (a) facilitate dissemination of information through electronic communication network services and electronic communication services, and ease network congestion that may arise as a consequence of the National State of Disaster that was occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of South Africa;
- (b) enable the facilitation, through enhanced network capacity, of swift and rapid national response to the National State of Disaster and assist in post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation;
- (c) enable implementation of measures that may be necessary to prevent an escalation of the National State of Disaster or to alleviate, contain and minimise the effects of the National State of Disaster that have been or likely to be occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (d) ensure that there is continuation of the provision of services in the Republic;
- (e) correct the imbalances created by the assignment of the temporary radio frequency spectrum made in April 2020 in terms of the 2020 Regulations;
- (f) promote competition within the ICT sector with respect to the assignment of provisional spectrum;
- (g) promote the universal provision of electronic communications networks and electronic communications services and connectivity for all; and
- (h) ensure efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum.

3. Scope

These Regulations apply to—

- (a) all ECNS, ECS, broadcasting, postal and radio frequency spectrum licensees, including those licensees assigned with the temporary radio frequency spectrum; and
- (b) all authorisations, certificates, applications and registrations made and /or issued in terms of the Act, Broadcasting Act and the Postal Services Act.

4. Minimum standards

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Regulations and any licences issued, the following minimum standards shall apply during the National State of Disaster:

Complaints resolution:

- (1) Licensees are exempt from the responsibility to resolve complaints received within the time frames prescribed by the Authority in its Regulations.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (1), licensees shall ensure that all complaints received by them are resolved within twenty (20) days from the date of notification thereof.

Tariffs notification:

- (3) Any tariffs associated with a service in terms of the Act, which are intended to benefit and/or support consumers during the National State of Disaster, may be lodged with the Authority one (1) day prior to their operation/commencement.
- (4) All lodgements made in terms of sub-regulation (3) shall be deemed to constitute adequate notification in terms of these Regulations.

South African sound and television broadcasting Services performance period:

- (5) Television broadcasting service Licensees are exempted from compliance with specific advertising requirements in terms of their licence conditions. Television broadcasting service Licensees must comply with the local television content quotas during the National State of Disaster, to the extent reflected in the table below:

Table 1		
Public television broadcasting	Commercial television broadcasting	Community television broadcasting
Minimum weekly average of its programming measured over a period of a year.	Minimum weekly average of its programming measured over a period of a year.	Minimum weekly average of its programming.
45%	35%	55%

- (6) The exemptions indicated in sub-regulation (5) shall automatically cease three (3) months after the termination of the National State of Disaster.

Programme syndication:

- (7) Programme syndication must not exceed forty five percent (45%) per week of a broadcasting service licensee's programming.
- (8) The adjustment in sub-regulation (7) shall automatically cease upon expiry of a period of seven (7) days after the termination of the National State of Disaster.

Requirement to convene community meetings including any Annual General Meetings (AGMs):

- (9) The suspension of the requirement for community broadcasting service licensees to hold any community meetings or AGMs and be required to submit proof of holding the meetings is lifted. Where it is not possible for a community broadcasting service licensee to hold a community meeting or AGM, such licensee must submit proof to the Authority before twenty-one (21) days of the date specified in its constitutive documents for holding the community meetings or AGMs, where applicable.
- (10) The suspension in sub-regulation (9) will automatically cease upon the expiry of the National State of Disaster.
- (11) Community broadcasting service licensees that were due to hold any meetings or AGMs with their respective communities during the period of the National State of Disaster, and it was not possible for them to hold the community meetings or AGMs, must hold such community meetings or AGMs within three (3) months after the expiry of the National State of Disaster.

- (12) Where a community broadcasting service licensee holds any community meetings or AGMs in accordance with its constitutive document, where applicable, it shall submit a detailed plan to the Authority before twenty-one (21) days prior to such planned meetings or AGMs, advising on the following:
- (a) Adherence with COVID-19 health protocols, directions and regulations as prescribed in terms of the Disaster Management Act;
 - (b) The platform for convening such community meeting or AGM (i.e. virtual or physical); and
 - (c) A list of the registered members who have confirmed attendance to such community meeting or AGM.

Submission of applications

- (13) The requirement for licensees and/or applicants to submit hardcopies of applications for licences, authorisations and/or certificates is suspended.
- (14) The suspension in sub-regulation (13) shall automatically cease upon expiry of a period of fourteen (14) days after the termination of the National State of Disaster.
- (15) Regulation 4(6) of the Community Broadcasting Services Regulations is hereby suspended.
- (16) The suspension in sub-regulation (15) shall automatically cease upon expiry of a period of fourteen (14) days after termination of the National State of Disaster.
- (17) Subscription Broadcasting Licensees and Free-To-Air Broadcasting Licensee that need to apply for authorisation of channels may submit their requests for such authorisation not later than seven (7) days prior to the intended date of launch.
- (18) For the duration of the alert levels, published in terms of the Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, the Authority shall only consider Special Event applications intended for COVID-19 related programming.
- (19) A Special Event Community Broadcasting Service and Radio Frequency Spectrum licence, issued for the purpose of providing COVID-19 related programming, shall terminate one (1) month after the termination of the National State of Disaster.

Television broadcasting services to persons with disabilities

- (20) Television broadcasting service licensees, excluding community television broadcasting service licensees, must ensure that they use sign language interpretation in at least fifty percent (50%) of news broadcasts between 07h00 and 10h00 and 18h00 and 21h00 on a weekly basis.
- (21) For the entire duration of the National State of Disaster, Television broadcasting service licensees, excluding community television broadcasting service licensees, shall ensure that broadcast coverage of all media briefings by the National Command Council include a sign language interpreter.
- (22) The obligations in sub-regulations (20) and (21) must be implemented within three (3) days after the publication of these Regulations and shall automatically cease three (3) days after the termination of the National State of Disaster.

Deployment of electronic communications facilities

- (23) Insofar as they are required to give notice thereof to the Authority, Licensees shall notify the Authority regarding new installations of electronic communications facilities on their networks within twenty (20) days of the occurrence thereof.

- (24) The Authority shall maintain a register of all new electronic communications facilities deployed during the period of the National State of Disaster. The notification shall include the following information:
- (a) a high-level network topology depicting the location of the new electronic communications facilities;
 - (b) services intended to be provided on the newly deployed electronic communications facilities;
 - (c) a list of sites where the electronic communications facilities are deployed, including applicable technical parameters such as site GPS coordinates, radio frequency channels and technology deployed;
 - (d) capacity constraints of the current electronic communications facilities;
 - (e) the coverage footprint of the current and new electronic communications facilities;
 - (f) interference mitigation measures where applicable; and
 - (g) infrastructure sharing and capacity sharing plans.

5. Type approval

- (1) A Type Approval application for any electronic communications service facilities and Equipment that is intended to be used for the purposes of bringing relief or assistance with respect to the National State of Disaster, shall be accompanied by the following documentation:
- (a) a detailed submission as to how the equipment sought to be type-approved will be utilised for purposes of bringing assistance or relief;
 - (b) declaration of conformity from an Accredited Test Laboratory confirming compliance with the applicable standards in the Technical Regulations;
 - (c) documentary proof of compliance from a Notified Body or Certification Body within ITU Region 1;
 - (d) photographs of the Equipment, installation and user manual;
 - (e) a functional description of the Equipment; and
 - (f) schematic diagram and printed circuit board layout.
- (2) There shall be no fees payable in relation to a Type Approval application contemplated in sub-regulation (1).
- (3) If the Equipment for which Type Approval is sought already appears on the Authority's existing Type Approval register, the applicant shall submit the following documentation to confirm that the equipment applied for is identical to the equipment that is already type approved:
- (a) a letter confirming that the Equipment is identical to equipment that has already been Type Approved by the Authority and appears on the Authority's existing Type Approval register;
 - (b) photographs of the Equipment, Installation and user manual;
 - (c) a functional description of the equipment; and
 - (d) a schematic diagram and printed circuit board layout.
- (4) The Authority may, whenever it deems it necessary, request the applicant to submit additional supporting documents.
- (5) Applications lodged in terms of sub-regulation (1) shall be submitted to the following e-mail address: COVIDATA@icasa.org.za

- (6) Applications submitted in terms of sub-regulations (1) and (5) shall be processed by the Authority within four (4) days of receipt of a complete application.
- (7) A successful outcome of the assessment shall result in the Authority registering the device in the automatic type approval register.
- (8) An unsuccessful outcome will result in the Authority issuing a written correspondence containing reasons for rejection.
- (9) The Applicant may, subsequent to addressing issues stipulated in the rejection letter, re-apply for Type Approval.
- (10) Type Approvals made in line with these Regulations shall be valid for a period of three (3) months after termination of the National State of Disaster after which time the equipment must be decommissioned.
- (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (10), type approved equipment that operates in the radio frequency spectrum that is temporarily assigned in terms of these Regulations shall be decommissioned within three (3) months after the expiry of the temporary radio frequency spectrum licences as contemplated in regulation 6(6) and (7) of these Regulations.
- (12) Wherein a Supplier would like to continue using equipment that has been Type Approved in line with these Regulations beyond the period contemplated in terms of sub-regulations (10) and (11) above, they are required to apply for Type Approval in line with the applicable Type Approval Regulations.

6. Access to radio frequency spectrum

Assignment of provisional radio frequency spectrum

- (1) The temporary radio frequency spectrum licences issued in April 2020 in terms of the 2020 Regulations shall terminate on 30 November 2021.
- (2) The new provisional radio frequency spectrum regime is hereby introduced with effect from date of publication of these Regulations.
- (3) The new provisional radio frequency spectrum licences shall operate from 1 December 2021 until 30 June 2022 or until three months after the termination of the National State of Disaster, whichever occurs first.
- (4) Holders of provisional radio frequency spectrum licences issued in terms of these Regulations shall return to the Authority the assigned spectrum on the occurrence of any of the events in sub-regulation (3) above.
- (5) Any IECNS and IECS licensee, including the holders of the temporary radio frequency spectrum issued in April 2020, may apply to the Authority by no later by 16h00 on 17 November 2021 for assignment of provisional radio frequency spectrum licence that will be valid from 1 December 2021 until 30 June 2022 or until three months after the termination of the National State of Disaster, whichever comes first.
- (6) In order to enable the Authority to provisionally assign Radio Frequency Spectrum in the furtherance of the objectives set out above the Authority may, whenever it considers necessary, deviate from the Radio Frequency Spectrum Assignment Plans published by the Authority.
- (7) The following International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) spectrum bands shall be made available for provisional assignment: 700MHz, 800MHz, 2300MHz, 2600MHz, and 3500MHz and shall be assigned in accordance with the criteria and conditions stipulated in Annexure A.
- (8) The Authority may from time to time publish details of further bands that are available for provisional assignment.

- (9) Licensees shall pay pro-rated radio frequency spectrum licence fees, in terms of the Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence Fees Regulations, 2010, for the period commencing on 1 December 2021 to 30 June 2022, in relation to the bands specified in sub-regulations (7) and (8) above.
- (10) Payment of fees, in terms of sub-regulation (9), must be made to the Authority by no later than 15 December 2021.
- (11) Failure to pay the fees in terms of sub-regulation (9) will result in the issued provisional spectrum licence being invalid.
- (12) Applications contemplated in terms of sub-regulation (7) shall be submitted to the Authority by no later than 16h00 on 17 November 2021. To the following e-mail address: covidata@icasa.org.za
- (13) An application contemplated in terms of sub-regulation (7) and (12) must be accompanied by proof of payment of the non-refundable application fee of R87 500.00. Payment of the application fee must be made by way of an electronic funds transfer or a direct deposit into the following bank account of the Authority:

Bank:	Nedbank Limited
Branch:	Nedbank Corporate Investment Banking
Branch Code:	198765
Account No:	1462002927
Swift Code:	NEDSZAJJ
Reference:	Name of Applicant

- (14) The Authority will process applications submitted in terms of sub-regulations (7) and (12) within seven (7) days of receipt of a complete application and thereafter publish a notice of successful applicants including their respective provisional spectrum assignments.
- (15) The successful applicants must pay acquisition fees by 30 November 2021, for their respective provisional spectrum assignments in terms of the formula specified in Annexure B of these Regulations for the period 1 December 2021 to 30 April 2022.¹

1. The calculation of the acquisition fees is based on a discounted period of five (5) months. However, the duration of the temporary spectrum will be for the period of seven (7) months (i.e. 1 December 2021 – 30 June 2022).
- (16) Two or more licensees may share radio frequency spectrum assigned to alleviate the challenges of network capacity.
- (17) The licensees shall ensure that radio frequency spectrum sharing is implemented efficiently and in a manner that does not compromise the quality of the electronic communications services provided by licensees and the functioning of the electronic communications networks of other licensees.
- (18) All spectrum sharing agreements shall be submitted to the Authority for approval in accordance with regulation 18 (4) of the Radio Frequency Spectrum Regulations, 2015. The Authority will process such agreements within four (4) days of receipt thereof.

- (19) The duration of spectrum sharing agreements approved by the Authority before and after 30 November 2021, shall not exceed the duration of the radio frequency spectrum licence assigned in terms of sub-regulation (7).

Obligations relating to IMT Radio Frequency Spectrum licensees

- (20) Licensees with both Electronic Communications Services and Electronic Communications Network Services licenses, and have access to IMT Radio Frequency Spectrum assignment, must send to their subscribers by SMS, free of charge:
- (a) at least two public announcements per day regarding the prevention and management of COVID-19; and
 - (b) notifications of all announcements by the Minister of Health or the Presidency.
- (21) A licensee that was assigned with temporary radio frequency spectrum in April 2020 in terms of the 2020 Regulations, must maintain network connectivity in line with regulatory requirements for the virtual classrooms platforms allocated respectively to it by the Authority, free of charge, for a period of seventeen (17) months from the date of confirmation of deployment by the operator as verified by the Authority in collaboration with the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies, notwithstanding that its licence for temporary spectrum assigned to it has expired.
- (22) The Authority will after consultation with the relevant Departments responsible for education and communications, issue a list of schools which the licensees assigned with provisional spectrum issued in terms of these Regulations must maintain network connectivity, pursuant to the completion of the virtual classroom platforms pilot project.
- (23) A licensee assigned with provisional spectrum in terms of these Regulations, must maintain network connectivity in line with regulatory requirements for the schools allocated respectively to it by the Authority, free of charge, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date determined by the Authority, which date will be post the date contemplated in sub-regulations (21), notwithstanding that its licence for provisional spectrum assigned to it in terms of sub-regulations (7) has expired.
- (24) All Electronic Communications Service and Electronic Communications Network Service licensees must zero rate access to all educational sites upon approval by the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Higher Education and Training.
- (25) All Electronic Communications Service and Electronic Communications Network Service licensees must zero rate all COVID-19 sites upon approval by the Department of Health.

7. Postal services

The South African Post Office shall, upon written request by relevant officials of the Department of Health, law enforcement agency or any other organ of state involved with management and control of the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, make available its national address system, including any relevant database, to such official, agency or organ of state, as the case may be, for the purposes of tracking and tracing persons that are infected with COVID-19, and/or persons that may have been in direct physical contact with such infected persons.

8. Conflicts

In the event of conflict between the provisions of these Regulations and other Regulations of the Authority, the provisions of these Regulations shall prevail.

9. Contravention and penalties

Any person who contravenes regulation 4 (7), (20), (21) and (22) and regulation 6 (18), (21) and (23) of the Regulations, is liable to a fine not less than R100 000.00 (one hundred thousand Rand) for each day that the contravention occurs.

10. Repeal of the 2020 Regulations

The 2020 Regulations are with effect from the publication of these Regulations repealed.

11. Short title and commencement

These Regulations are called "The ICT COVID-19 National State of Disaster Regulations, 2021" and will come into force on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*, and only endure until termination of the National State of Disaster.

"Annexure A"**Provisional radio frequency spectrum regime framework**

Bands under consideration	Conditions	Incumbents in the bands	Available Bandwidth (N.B. Applicants must also refer to Annexure B regarding the applicable acquisition fees)	Criteria
IMT2300	The channel arrangement of the IMT2300 is in TDD mode.	Telkom is assigned 1*60 MHz from 2300 - 2360 MHz	1*40 MHz (2360 - 2400 MHz)	<p>The applicants (i.e. I-ECS and I-ECNS licensees) hat were not assigned temporary radio frequency spectrum under the 2020 Regulations must —</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provide the network performance report based on the current assigned spectrum; 2. indicate the areas that are highly constrained; 4. provide the network projections during the COVID-19 National State of Disaster; 5. indicate the spectrum bands and the bandwidth applied for (required for the immediate use only); 6. provide the modelled network performance pursuant to the assignment
IMT2600	<p>The channel arrangement of the IMT2600 (2500 - 2690 MHz) is in TDD mode across the available 170 MHz.</p> <p>The channel arrangement of the IMT2600 is in two folds, and 2*70MHz FDD and 1*40MHz TDD.</p> <p>FDD portion: 2500 - 2570 MHz//2620 - 2690 MHz TDD portion: 2575 - 2615 MHz</p>	RAIN is assigned 1*20 MHz in the TDD portion from 2575 MHz to 2595 MH	170 MHz TDD Portion 70 MHz FDD Portion; and 20 MHz TDD portion (2595 - 2615 MHz)	
IMT3500	The channel arrangement of the IMT3500 is in TDD mode.	<p>Telkom is assigned 1*28 MHz from 3400 - 3428 MHz in the band; and</p> <p>Liquid Telecoms is assigned 1*56 MHz from 3544 MHz to 3600 MHz in the band.</p>	1*116 MHz (3428 MHz to 3544 MHz)	

MT700 and IMT800	<p>The channel arrangement is in FDD mode.</p> <p>IMT700: 703 - 733 MHz//758 - 788MHz</p> <p>IMT800: 791 - 821 MHz//832 - 862 MHz</p>	<p>Broadcasting Services. There are a few analogue transmitters switched off.</p>	<p>Not entirely available. The Authority should verify any proposed use of these bands to ensure that the broadcasting services are not affected.</p>	<p>of provisional radio frequency spectrum; and</p> <p>7. provide benefits to be realized by the consumers (i.e. reduced data prices, free daily bundle to all the customers, wi-fi connectivity etc.) with the assignment of provisional spectrum in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>The applicants (i.e. I-ECS and I-ECNS licensees) that were assigned with temporary radio frequency spectrum in terms of the 2020 Regulations must —</p> <p>1. provide the geographical coverage/footprint maps (GIS format) for temporary spectrum assigned in terms of the 2020 Regulations. The coverage maps must also depict the population coverage for both the metropolitan municipal areas.</p> <p>2. provide the network performance report before the COVID-19 outbreak based on the assigned spectrum before the assignment of temporary spectrum in</p>
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				<p>terms of the 2020 Regulations.</p> <p>The coverage maps must also depict the population coverage for both the</p> <p>metropolitan municipal areas and non-metropolitan municipal areas;</p> <p>2. provide the network performance report before the COVID-19 outbreak based on the assigned spectrum before the assignment of the temporary spectrum in terms of the 2020 Regulations;</p> <p>3. provide the network performance report during each level of the COVID-19 lockdown pursuant to the assignment of the temporary spectrum in terms of the 2020 Regulations;</p> <p>4. provide benefits realised by the consumers (i.e. reduced data prices, free daily bundle to all the customers, wi-fi connectivity etc.)</p> <p>with the assignment of the temporary spectrum in terms of the 2020 Regulations;</p> <p>5. indicate the spectrum bands</p>
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				<p>and the bandwidth applied for (required for the immediate use only);</p> <p>6. provide benefits to be realized by customers (i.e. reduced data prices, free daily bundle to all the customers, wi-fi connectivity etc.)</p> <p>The coverage maps must also depict the population coverage for both the metropolitan municipal areas and non-metropolitan municipal areas;</p> <p>7. provide percentage of increased data traffic due to COVID-19 National State of Disaster vs that of possible increased in normal traffic due to the increased uptake of data services by customers.</p>
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"Annexure B"**Temporary radio frequency spectrum (RFS) aquisition fees²**

IMT700 and IMT800 bands
IMT 700
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price per 2x5 MHz BW for a 20-year Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price per 2x5 MHz BW (R 526 615 392.49) x Temporary RFS Licence duration x (29.5% of Population Coverage) 20 years
IMT 800
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price per 2x5 MHz BW for a 20-year Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price per 2x5 MHz BW (R 752 307 703.55) x Temporary RFS Licence duration x (49.25 % of Population Coverage) 20 years
IMT2300 Band
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price per 10 MHz BW for a 20-year Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price per 10 MHz BW (39 275 949.20) x Temporary RFS Licence duration 20 years
IMT2600 Band
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price per 10 MHz BW for a 20-year Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price per 10 MHz BW (R 97 843 220.25) x Temporary RFS Licence duration 20 years

IMT3500 Band
In this band, there are 3 configurations of the Temporary Radio Frequency Spectrum:
1. 11 x 10 MHz;
2. 1 x 2 MHz; and
3. 1 x MHz.
Acquisition Fee for Radio Frequency Spectrum per 10 MHz
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price per 10 MHz BW for a 20-year RFS Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price per 10 MHz BW (R 75 606 202.22) x Temporary RFS Licence duration 20 years
Acquisition Fee for Radio Frequency Spectrum 2 MHz
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price for 2 MHz BW for a 20-year RFS Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price for 2 MHz BW (R 9 818 987.30) x Temporary RFS Licence duration 20 years
Acquisition Fee for RFS 4 MHz
Acquisition Fee (AF) = Reserve Price for MHz BW for a 20-year RFS Licence
Temporary Spectrum AF = Reserve Price for 4 MHz BW (R 19 637 974.60) x Temporary RFS Licence duration 20 years

² The calculation of the acquisition fees is based on a discounted period of five (5) months. However, the duration of the temporary spectrum will be for the period of seven (7) months (i.e. 1 December 2021 – 30 June 2022).