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The Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Made - - - -	*12th December 2024*
Laid before Parliament	*16th December 2024*
Coming into force - -	*31st January 2025*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 365(1) and (4)(b) and 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003(**a**) ("the Act"), including as extended by the Communications (Isle of Man) Order 2003(**b**).

The Treasury has consented to the making of these Regulations in accordance with section 365(6) of the Act.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024. These Regulations come into force on 31st January 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to—

(a) England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and

(b) the Isle of Man.

Amendment of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004 (simple payment plan licence (not black and white only))

2.—(1) Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004 (simple payment plan licence (not black and white only))(**c**) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 19(1A)(**d**), for "D" substitute "E".

(3) In paragraph 20(2)(**e**)—

(**a**) 2003 c. 21.
(**b**) S.I. 2003/3198, amended by S.I. 2007/278; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Article 6 of the Order extends sections 365(1) and (4) and 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) to the Isle of Man.
(**c**) S.I. 2004/692. Part 4 of Schedule 2 was inserted by S.I. 2018/339 and extended to the Isle of Man by S.I. 2021/227.
(**d**) Paragraph 19(1A) was substituted by S.I. 2020/160.
(**e**) Paragraph 20(2) was amended by S.I. 2021/227.

(a) for "debt advice charity", in the first place those words occur, substitute "relevant debt advice organisation";

(b) omit the words from "; or" to "Trading".

(4) After paragraph 20(3A)(**a**) insert—

"(3B) Circumstance E is that the person—

(a) is experiencing significant difficulties in meeting essential household expenses, and

(b) is not, immediately before the issue date, authorised under a TV licence to install or use a TV receiver.".

(5) In paragraph 20(4), for the definition of "a debt advice charity"(**b**) substitute—

""a relevant debt advice organisation" means an organisation that provides debt counselling, or other financial advice, to persons in financial difficulty without charge to those persons.".

Stephanie Peacock
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
12th December 2024 Department for Culture, Media and Sport

We consent:

Anna Turley
Jeff Smith
11th December 2024 Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Communications (Television Licensing) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/692) to make provision that expands the scope of eligibility for the form of a TV licence known as a "simple payment plan licence (not black and white only)" ("simple payment licence").

Paragraphs (3) and (5) of regulation 2 amend "Circumstance B" so that a provider of debt-related advice is not limited to being a registered charity.

Paragraph (4) of regulation 2 inserts "Circumstance E" which expands the simple payment licence to those who are experiencing financial hardship.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.

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(**a**) Paragraph 20(3A) was inserted by S.I. 2020/160.
(**b**) The definition of "a debt advice charity" was amended by S.I. 2020/160 and S.I. 2021/227.

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