

NOTICE

ATTENTION USERS OF THE RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

The Spectrum Management Authority (SMA) is the regulatory body with responsibility for the management of the Radio Frequency Spectrum in Jamaica, on behalf of the Government of Jamaica. In carrying out its mandate, the Authority is guided by the Telecommunications Act, 2000.

What is the Radio Frequency Spectrum?

This is the range of electromagnetic frequencies used for the purpose of wireless communication.

Who should have a Spectrum Licence to legally operate?

All users (companies, associations and individuals) of the spectrum unless otherwise stated are required to have a licence.

What are the different categories of Licences/Certifications?

- Private Radio (Two-way radios operators, public/private wireless networks)
- Amateur & Alien Amateur
- VSAT
- Aeronautical
- Maritime
- Citizens Band
- GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress Safety System)
- Technician
- Type Approval



What equipment should be licensed?

Devices which facilitate communication beyond a two mile radius and use power levels above 0.5 watts e.g. Walkie Talkie - Wireless Broadband Equipment - Cellular Radios - Marine Radios - VSAT – Microwave Radios - Base Station Radios – Repeater Radios.

A PERSON WHO USES THE SPECTRUM WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A SPECTRUM LICENCE OR AUTHORIZATION IS LIABLE FOR FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012.

ACT NOW! CONTACT US TO REGULARIZE YOUR OPERATIONS.

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