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**2020 No. 530**

**BROADCASTING**

**The Communications (Jersey) Order 2020**

*Made* - - - - *20th May 2020*

*Coming into force* - - *1st June 2020*

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 20th day of May 2020

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 411(6) of the Communications Act 2003<sup>(1)</sup> and section 119(7) and (8) of the Digital Economy Act 2017<sup>(2)</sup>, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Communications (Jersey) Order 2020.
- (2) This Order comes into force on 1st June 2020.
- (3) In this Order—
  - “the 2003 Act” means the Communications Act 2003;
  - “the 2017 Act” means the Digital Economy Act 2017.

**Extension of amendments to the 2003 Act to Jersey**

2. The amendments of the 2003 Act made by section 89 of the 2017 Act extend to Jersey<sup>(3)</sup>.

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(1) [2003 c.21](#). The 2003 Act was extended to the Jersey, with modifications, by [S.I. 2003/3197](#), as amended by [S.I. 2006/3324](#), and [S.I. 2004/308](#); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(2) [2017 c.30](#).

(3) Section 89 of the 2017 Act amends section 365 of the 2003 Act and inserts new section 365A into that Act to confer on the BBC the function of making provision for a TV licence fee concession by reference to age.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

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*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order extends amendments to the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) made by section 89 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c. 30) to Jersey. The amendments set out in section 89 of the 2017 Act (TV licence fee concessions by reference to age) amend section 365 of, and insert section 365A into, the 2003 Act and come into force on 1st June 2020. From that date TV licence fee concessions will no longer be determined by regulations but determined independently by the BBC following consultation. The BBC will have the power to make changes to the concession, including changing the eligibility criteria, level of concession and qualifying age (although this may not be lower than 65) or to end the concession. The Secretary of State retains the power to make provision for all other concessions including the current residential care concession or its equivalent.