

# Broadcasting Act 1996

#### **1996 CHAPTER 55**

#### PART II

#### DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL SOUND BROADCASTING

#### General provisions about licences

#### 42 Licences under Part II.

- (1) Any licence granted by the Radio Authority (in this Part referred to as "the Authority") under this Part shall be in writing and (subject to the provisions of this Part) shall continue in force for such period as is provided, in relation to a licence of the kind in question, by the relevant provision of this Part.
- (2) The Authority—
  - (a) shall not grant a licence to any person unless they are satisfied that he is a fit and proper person to hold it, and
  - (b) shall do all that they can to secure that, if they cease to be so satisfied in the case of any person holding a licence, that person does not remain the holder of the licence;

and nothing in this Part shall be construed as affecting the operation of this subsection or of section 44(1) or (2)(b) or (c).

- (3) The Authority may vary a licence by a notice served on the licence holder if—
  - (a) in the case of a variation of the period for which a licence having effect for a specified period is to continue in force, the licence holder consents, or
  - (b) in the case of any other variation, the licence holder has been given a reasonable opportunity of making representations to the Authority about the variation.
- (4) Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) does not affect the operation of section 59(1)(b); and that subsection shall not authorise the variation of any condition included in a licence in pursuance of section 55(1).

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- (5) A licence granted to any person under this Part shall not be transferable to any other person without the previous consent in writing of the Authority.
- (6) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (5), the Authority shall not give their consent for the purposes of that subsection unless they are satisfied that any such other person would be in a position to comply with all of the conditions included in the licence which would have effect during the period for which it is to be in force.
- (7) The holding by any person of a licence to provide any service shall not relieve him of any requirement to hold a licence under section 1 of the MI Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 or section 7 of the M2 Telecommunications Act 1984 in connection with the provision of that service.

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M1 1949 c. 54.

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