

**2018 FCC Regulatory Fees
Payment Deadline September 25**

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The FCC has announced a deadline of September 25 for receipt of its Fiscal Year 2018 annual regulatory fees. Fees are owed on all authorizations held as of October 1, 2017 or held on the fee due date. Licensees who relinquished licenses by September 30, 2017 are not responsible for FY 2018 regulatory fees for the cancelled license.

Payment may be made by credit card, debit card, Automated Clearing House (ACH) debits from a bank account or wire transfers. The maximum acceptable daily credit card payment is \$24,999.99. Alternative means must be used for larger single payments. Regardless of the method, the payment process must be initiated through the FCC's on-line Fee Filer system.

Full payment must be received by the September 25 deadline in order to avoid the 25% late payment penalty, plus interest and processing fees. This year, in lieu of the prior 180-day trigger, debts older than 120 days will be referred for collection to the Treasury Department, which can be more complex to deal with than the FCC.

Again this year the FCC will not send bills. Instead, it requires that licensees determine the extent of their obligation and obtain information on-line through its Fee Filer system. Below, for your reference is a final list of the 2018 regulatory fees by broadcast category. Licensees are exempt from regulatory fee payments if their total liability for the fiscal year is below \$1,000.

Further information on the Commission's Fee Filer payment system can be found here [Filer Information Page](#). Fee information for any specific broadcast station, including exempt status, may be found at: <http://www.fccfees.com/> where you can also look up fees by [station call sign or facility ID](#).

Note that the fee for auxiliaries has been eliminated. Note also that the FCC list in Fee Filer is not always up to date. You can check for all licenses by Licensee name or FRN at [General Menu License Query](#) .

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Fee Category	Annual Regulatory Fee (U.S. \$'s)
AM Radio Construction Permits	550
FM Radio Construction Permits	965
Digital TV (47 CFR part 73) VHF and UHF Commercial	
Markets 1-10	49,750
Markets 11-25	37,450
Markets 26-50	25,025
Markets 51-100	12,475
Remaining Markets	4,100
Construction Permits	4,100
Satellite Television Stations (All Markets)	1,500
Low Power TV, Class A TV, TV/FM Translators & Boosters (47 CFR part 74)	380
Direct Broadcast Service (DBS) (per subscriber) (as defined by section 602(13) of the Act)	.48
Earth Stations (47 CFR part 25)	325

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