

**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY**



PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act No.12 of 2003, is mandated among other duties, to license communications and broadcasting operators and manage the frequency spectrum resource.

In 2005, the Government further liberalized the communication sector, and TCRA introduced the Converged Licensing Framework consisting of four licenses: Network Facility, Network Services, Application Services and Content Services, in four market segments: International, National, Regional and District. These licenses are technology neutral and service neutral.

The response of the industry has been overwhelming, and TCRA has received an unprecedented number of applications in the past two years. Most of these prospective operators have been licensed.

An increase in the number of prospective operators has tremendously increased the amount of spectrum usage. Considering that spectrum is a scarce resource, TCRA is conducting a spectrum audit vis-a-vis allocation of bandwidth with the objective of determining the optimum amount of spectrum required by each service.

In order to conduct the said audit, TCRA wishes to inform prospective applicants and the public in general that new applications requiring the following frequency resources: **450 – 470 MHz, 824 – 890 MHz, 890 –960 MHz, 1710 – 1880 MHz, 1920 – 1980 MHz, 2110 – 2170 MHz, 2560 – 2790 MHz and 3400 – 3700 MHz** shall not be considered with effect from 10th May 2007 until further notice.

Applications that have already been received shall receive the necessary attention. Applications not requiring the above mentioned frequency bands are still welcome.

**Issued by
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