

## **COMMUNIQUÉ**

## Amendments to the Regulations related to fees payable by International Long-Distance licensees

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) wishes to inform the operators and the public of the amendments brought to the Information and Communication Technologies (Licensing and Fees) Regulations 2003 in relation to the International Long Distance (ILD) licences.

In line with the recommendations of the ICT Authority, the Information and Communication Technologies (Licencing and Fees) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2022 (the "New Regulations") review the amount of the initial fee and annual fee of the ILD licence as well as the charging principle. According to the New Regulations, any new ILD licensee shall, prior to being issued with his appropriate licence:

- a) Pay an initial fee of Rs.100,000 (instead of the previous amount of Rs.3,000,000);
- b) pay, for his first year of operation, a flat annual licence fee of Rs 100,000 (instead of the previous amount of Rs 2,000,000);
- c) furnish a bank guarantee of Rs 500,000 for a minimum period of 3 years and renewable throughout the duration of the licence.

Under the New Regulations, the annual fee payable by ILD licensees shall be a flat amount of Rs 100,000 or the equivalent of 0.8 % of audited gross turnover of the previous operation year, whichever is higher, but not exceeding 2 million rupees.

You may consult the above-mentioned Regulations on the website of the ICTA at the following link:

https://www.icta.mu/documents/2022/08/GN No 201 2022.pdf

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