

Private Radio or TV Stations' License

Licensing Office of the Afghanistan National Radio Television and National Independent Broadcasting Commission

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Documentation required:

1. Application letter from the investor.
2. National ID card from the investor.

According to the Public Media Law, a foreign investor cannot be licensed to own a radio or TV network in Afghanistan.

The process takes from one week to twenty days. Two signatures are needed, the final signature being that of the General Director of National Radio Television Station and National Independent Broadcasting Commission. The license is free and does not have to be renewed yearly.

Step by step process of acquiring the license.

1. The investor submits an application letter to the General Director of the National Independent Broadcasting Commission.
2. The General Director of the Independent Commission reviews the application, signs it and orders it to be processed.
3. The investor takes the signed letter to the Licensing Office of the Planning and International Relations Directorate of the Afghanistan National Radio Television Station.
4. The Licensing Office asks the investor to demonstrate that he/she has adequate capital in a bank account and has a National ID card. The minimum amount of capital is \$1 million for the TV station and \$30,000 for a radio station.
5. When the investor has committed this capital, the Licensing Office asks the investor for a copy of his/her National Identity Card, educational documentation or certificates (which should be at least a diploma in Journalism or a certificate of three years working background in the field of publications, media, program designing or other journalistic activities). The Office will keep these documents in its files.

6. The Office distributes two statement forms “the privilege holder statement form” and the “authorized manager statement” form to the applicant; attaches his/her photo on each of these forms; and obtains the investor’s commitment on the issues raised on the forms.
7. The investor also presents the Articles of Association of the TV or Radio station to this Office.
8. The Office takes the investor’s documents to an Authorization Commission which studies and reviews the TV or the Radio station’s profile/qualifications with respect to legislative and government policies. If the proposed station meets the Commission’s approval, the Office requests a copy of the station’s technical design and organizational structure.
9. The Office gives the investor a “Technical Specifications” form. After the investor has filled out this form, it is assessed by an expert panel of the Afghanistan National Radio and TV. They will provide the investor necessary advice if there are any mistakes or defects in the technical or organizational design structure.
10. If the technical plant of private Radio or TV station is satisfactory, then the station is approved. The panel provides technical advice if technical faults exist.
11. After approval of the private station (radio or television), the Office requests via an official letter taken by the investor to the Radio Monitoring Directorate of Ministry of Telecommunication for it to determine a frequency for the station.
12. The Monitoring Directorate sets a frequency, records it and distributes a special form. According to the power, specification of frequency, etc., the amount of money payable is computed and a payment bank tariff is issued. The amount of the frequency commission is 100,000 Afs. for a TV station and 50,000 Afghanis for a radio station.
13. The Radio Monitoring Directorate of Ministry of Telecommunications sends the frequency license and the original copy of the questionnaire form with a covering official letter to the Licensing Office of Afghanistan National Radio and TV Station.
14. This Office keeps the frequency license and the form in a file and issues separate letters to the revenue presidentt of the MoF and the Kabul Mustofiat to ask for confirmation of a clear financial background for the privilege/license holder and to AISA for clearance of the station’s director and deputy director and to obtain AISA’s license for the investor.

After being assured by the Mustofiat and by AISA that the investor has fulfilled his/her requirements, a one page license sheet (with no photo) is given to the private station owner by the Licensing Office of the Afghanistan

Independent Radio Television Station and National Broadcasting
Commission signed by the Director.