



Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2026-11

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Processing of radio applications and complaints that have been placed on hold to date

1. In Broadcasting Information Bulletin 2023-278, the Commission announced that it would be deferring the examination of new applications or complaints relating to radio and focusing its resources and efforts on the implementation of its regulatory plan for modernizing the Canadian broadcasting framework.
2. Since the publication of Broadcasting Information Bulletin 2023-278, the Commission has continued to receive applications and complaints relating to radio. The Commission has processed applications where applicants have demonstrated exceptional circumstances. All other applications have been placed on hold.
3. Given the progress the Commission has made on the implementation of its regulatory plan, it will start processing applications that have been placed on hold.
4. The Commission will issue letters to applicants asking them to confirm whether they wish to proceed with their applications as originally submitted, amend their applications, or withdraw them. It will also ask applicants if they wish to submit updated information to the Commission and, if applicable, to the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada).
5. The end of the Commission's deferral of radio applications and complaints will coincide with the publication date of the upcoming audio policy.¹ For applications received until that date, the Commission will continue to require applicants to demonstrate exceptional circumstances to justify the need to process those applications. This requirement will no longer apply once the new audio policy is published.
6. When processing applications, the Commission will consider the order in which it received the application, as well as the type of application (for example, an application to operate a new radio station will require a public hearing).
7. When examining all radio applications going forward, the Commission will take into account its determinations regarding the modernization of radio processes, set out in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265, notably in terms of reducing regulatory burden, modernizing its compliance framework, streamlining its processes, and providing greater flexibility, where applicable. In this regard, the Commission invites applicants to review its specific

¹ The public consultation on audio policy was launched in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2025-52.

determinations set out in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265, which are summarized in Appendix 2 to that regulatory policy.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Modernization of radio processes*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2025-265, 10 October 2025
- *The Path Forward – Supporting Canadian and Indigenous audio content*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2025-52, 20 February 2025, as amended by Broadcasting Notices of Consultation CRTC 2025-52-1, 24 March 2025; 2025-52-2, 4 April 2025; 2025-52-3, 15 April 2025; 2025-52-4, 26 May 2025; 2025-52-5, 3 October 2025; and 2025-52-6, 7 November 2025
- *Change to the processing time for applications and complaints relating to radio undertakings*, Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2023-278, 22 August 2023