

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 12-26-88

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GRANT OF AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE GOVERNMENT PERSONAL RADIO SERVICE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE AND OPERATE RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

Pursuant to the provision of laws vesting jurisdiction on NTC, and in order to rationalize the grant of authorizations to the member of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the Government to acquire and operate radio-communications equipment for their communications needs in the performance of their public functions, the Commission hereby promulgates the following procedures:

A. Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this Circular, the following terms are defined hereunder.

1. Special Radio Authorization – A written authority issued by the National Telecommunications Commission to government officials for the operation of their personal radio communication system.
2. Government Personal Radio Service – A radio communication system in the fixed and Land Mobile services for the use of high government officials in recognition to the importance and nature of their public function in the government.

B. Government Positions Covered :

1. Executive Branch

- Vice-President
- Secretaries and Undersecretaries
- Commissioners and Associate Deputy Commissioner

2. Legislative Branch

- Senators
- Congressmen (Representative)

3. Judicial

- Justices of the Supreme Court
- Justices of the Court of Appeal
- Ombudsman and Tanodbayan



4. Others :

- Commissioners and Associate/Deputy Commissioner
- Governor

The Officials enumerated above shall be allowed to acquire, install and operate appropriate radio equipment for a simplex VHF/UHF fixed and land mobile system which may consist of not more than ten (10) stations, under the special licensing procedures outlined herein. Members of Congress/Senate allowed HF/SSB fixed radio stations to link their provincial residences to their Manila offices and residence respectively.

C. Authorized Frequencies

The Commission shall assign the necessary frequencies and its technical parameters thereto to be used by the stations on sharing basis from the specified bands sub-allocated to the government's service.

D. Radio Operators

The Officials who will handle the stations will be granted a Special Operator Permit to operate the stations upon filling of application with the Commission. However, the Commission will also grant Restricted Land Mobile (RLMP) Radio Operator certificate to respective members of their staff who will operate the mobile/portable stations after they have attended and completed a seminar on pertinent radio rules and regulations organized by the Commission for the purpose and shall have paid the prescribe fees accordingly.

The Base Station shall be operated by at least a holder of an RROC (SRA) class of Radiotelephone Operator Certificate. Said operator Shall be responsible for any violations in the operation of the base station.

Qualifications/Requirement of Applicant

1. He must be a citizen of the Philippines
2. He must be at least 18 years of age.
3. He must be of good moral character.
4. He must have completed the high school course as prescribe by the Department of Education and Culture.
5. Endorsement from the employer.



E. Special Radio Authorization

The authority to install and operate the radio stations applied for shall be granted by the Commission under a Special Radio Authorization which shall be effective for a period of one year subject to renewal. This Special Radio Authorization is automatically revoke or cancelled upon the expiration of the term of office of the grantee.

F. Procedure for Licensing

1. The applicant shall select from the NTC officials list of type approved/accepted, transceivers that he desires to purchase
2. Applicant files with the Commission a letter of intent stating the kind of radio communications system desired, the exact location of the proposed radio stations attaching already the application for Permit to Purchase for the proposed equipment.
3. The Commission evaluate the request, determines the appropriate frequency(ies) and issues the Permit to Purchase for the radio equipment after the payment of the prescribe permit fees.
4. Upon acquisition of the equipment, the applicant files with the Commission the application for Permit to Possess for the radio equipment, together with the request for radio operator certificate and Special Radio Station Authorization to operate.
5. The Commission collects the necessary permit fees from the applicant and releases the Permit to Possess and Special Radio Station Authorization for the radio stations accordingly, including the radio operator certificate, as the case may be.

G. Fees and Fines

Fees

The schedule of fees for this Service shall be the same as the prescribed by the NTC as approved of Batas Pambansa Blg. 325 and pursuant to Ministry of Finance Order No. 6-83 dated January 17, 1983

Fines

Violations of the Radio Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the Commission shall subject grantee/licensee to the administrative sanctions of the Commission.



H. Effectivity

This circular shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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