
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which amend the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) Regulations 1984, redefine certain of the accommodation which qualifies for the concessionary television licence scheme.

Nursing homes are added to those institutions which qualify. But insofar as the scheme extends to individual dwellings, they will in future have to form part of a group of at least four within a common and exclusive boundary; they must have been erected or converted for occupation only by the disabled, the mentally disordered or the elderly, who must be provided with a resident or full-time warden; and there must also be a communal facility intended to meet the needs of the residents. However, those who benefited from the concessionary scheme before the coming into force of the Regulations will continue to benefit as long as they occupy a dwelling which qualified before that date.

The Regulations also increase the issue fee for a television licence for accommodation for residential care from 5p for each person licensed to £5 for each dwelling or unit of accommodation which qualifies.