

PMSE 700MHz Clearance OfCom Funding Scheme Factsheet

The registration phase OFCOM's 700 Mhz clearance compensation scheme has opened, but its only open until 26th April so you need to act fast.

If you held a licence for spectrum in 700mhz between 17th October 2014 and 23rd August 2018 you will have received a letter containing a link and unique login code to access the website. This letter is important, but may not have gone to your technical or purchase departments, so you need to track it down. If you do not think you received the letter, but believe you are still eligible, you can call their dedicated helpline on 0121 415 0283.

The online system is easy to follow: you need to fill in details about your company, your preferred point of contact, and the details of all the equipment you are surrendering.

You need to nominate when you are surrendering the equipment. This can be as early as July this year, or as late as May 2020. Depending on when you surrender your equipment, you may receive more than the 60% value shown on the rate card. This is because compensation has been calculated on the loss of usable service life, so if you choose to surrender it early you have lost more life, and therefore get a slightly higher amount.

If your equipment is younger than six years old you will get more, as you have lost a higher proportion of its usable life. The online system will reflect all this automatically, but it is important you put in accurate purchase dates when you detail your equipment so it can be calculated correctly.

There is an additional 10% added to the claim automatically by Equiniti to compensate you for the time and logistical cost of having to go through this change.

Equiniti, who have been appointed to manage the surrender and payment process, aim to have all claims processed and paid within 10 days of receiving your equipment and proving ownership, but they also recognise there may be a lot of radio equipment to process. As an industry, we can help them prepare for the next phase of the scheme accordingly by submitting information on what and when we are surrendering as early as possible.

This is a generous scheme by OFCOM aimed to minimise the disruption caused to our industry (again) through no fault of our own. The lobbying by BEIRG (British Entertainment Industry Radio Group) and other representatives of the industry have helped ensure a fair deal which will allow us as an industry to continue to amaze audiences and do the work we love and enjoy.

In order to not miss out, you must register yourself and all of your equipment before **26th April**.

Is my equipment eligible?

- To be eligible, equipment must have *some* of its tuning range in 700Mhz
- It must have been purchased before 23rd August 2018

- At least 60% of the estimated replacement cost will be covered
- Some ancillary equipment like antenna distribution is included
- If you have equipment that you believe is eligible but not on the rate card please contact Equiniti without delay