

AGE-RELATED LICENCE FEE CONCESSION

**VARIATION OF (1) DETERMINATION DATED 28 JUNE 2019 MADE BY THE BBC
UNDER SECTION 365A OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003; AND (2)
SECOND DETERMINATION DATED 2 MARCH 2020 MADE BY THE BBC UNDER
SECTION 365A OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003**

**Variation made pursuant to section 365A(7)(a) of the Communications Act 2003
on
25 March 2020**

1. The BBC's Determination dated 28 June 2019 is varied as follows:

a. After paragraph 1, insert the following—

“Interim concession

1A. In the period 1 June 2020 to 31 July 2020, no fee is payable for a black and white TV licence or a colour TV licence where –

- (a) the licence has been or is issued to a person who is aged 75 years or more or who will attain that age in the calendar month in which the licence is issued; and
- (b) in that licence the specified place is the sole or main residence of that person.

This paragraph only applies where the specified place referred to in sub-paragraph (b) is situated in the United Kingdom.”

b. In paragraphs 2 and 13, the reference to “*1 June 2020*” is to be amended to read “*1 August 2020*”.

c. For paragraph 14, substitute—

“The circumstances referred to in paragraph 13 are that the licence holder—

- (a) was aged 75 years or more on 31 July 2020;
- (b) is not eligible for a licence for which no fee is payable under paragraph 2 above; and
- (c) either –
 - (i) on 31 July 2020 was covered by a licence for which no fee was payable when it was issued, by virtue of regulation 6 of the 2004 Regulations (as those Regulations had effect on or before that date) or paragraph 1A of this Determination, and the new licence is issued on or before 31 July 2021; or
 - (ii) immediately before the due date in relation to the new licence, the licence holder was aged 75 years or more and was covered by an Over 75s' Pay As You Go TV licence;

where references to a person being “covered” by a licence are references to that person being authorised by that licence to install and use a television receiver for the purposes of section 363(1) of

the 2003 Act, whether that licence was held by them or by another person.”

- d. The following paragraph is to be inserted at the end of the Explanatory Note—

“This Determination was varied on 25 March 2020 following a decision made by the BBC Board to defer the implementation of its decision until 1 August 2020, in light of the issues raised by the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)”.

2. The BBC’s Determination dated 2 March 2020 is to be varied as follows:

- a. in paragraph 2, the reference to “*1 June 2020*” is to be amended to read “*1 August 2020*”.
- b. The following paragraph is to be inserted at the end of the Explanatory Note:

“This Determination was varied on 25 March 2020 following a decision made by the BBC Board to defer the implementation of its decision until 1 August 2020, in light of the issues raised by the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)”.

Signed on behalf of the BBC Board by Sir David Clementi, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the name "David" followed by "Clementi". The signature is written in a cursive style.

25 March 2020

Explanatory Note

On 28 June 2019, the BBC made a determination to give effect to the BBC Board's decision dated 10 June 2019 to introduce, with effect from 1 June 2020, a TV licence concession so that, in respect of any TV household which is the sole or main residence of someone aged 75 or over and in receipt of Pension Credit, that person will be entitled to a free TV licence to cover the household ("First Determination"). On 2 March 2020 the BBC Board made a further determination making provision for individuals losing preserved rights to accommodation for residential care (ARC) licences ("Second Determination").

On 15 March 2020, the BBC Board made a decision to defer the implementation of its 10 June 2019 decision until 1 August 2020, in light of the issues raised by the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This has required amendments to the First Determination and Second Determination, so that (i) a free TV licence is available to all individuals aged 75 or over for the period 1 June 2020 to 31 July 2020; and (ii) the implementation date for the 10 June 2019 decision is now 1 August 2020, rather than 1 June 2020. All free licences for over 75s that were due to expire on 31 May 2020, will be extended by general notice, pursuant to s.364(5)(b) of the Communications Act 2003.

The BBC Board will continue to keep this matter under review, in light of the developing situation in respect of Coronavirus.