Autorisation des réseaux indépendants radioélectriques

The National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency (ANRT) is responsible for the licensing of independent radio networks.

Authorization process for independent radio networks (IRN)

Terms of award

Pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 24-96, ANRT published decision ANRT/DG / N $^{\circ}$ 11/02 of 17 July 2002 laying down the procedures for issuing permits to create and operate independent networks (electric and wired radio).

Any person or entity may make this request. Permission is granted subject to availability of spectrum and as long as the proposed network does not interfere with the technical operation of existing networks authorized by the ANRT as long as it meets the requirements required by the public security and national defense.

It may be refused if any of the provisions of Article 18 of the above-mentioned decision are not met. In Morocco, radio installations to be linked to the network must be approved before being commissioned. Otherwise, the license cannot be issued

Procedure for issuing authorizations

In order to facilitate the licensing, the National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency provides this procedure for filing requests that the applicant must complete in duplicate (in print) and accompanied by:

For permanent independent radio networks

- 1. An official request, duly signed and stamped by the owner. The request must specify the nature of the network and the identity of the technical network installer.
- 2. A letter for installation (preferably to be submitted on the letterhead of the installer) by which the designated technical installer certifies they will install the network or, alternatively, attach a copy of the order or contract binding the installer and the applicant.
- 3. For all applications other than those of public administrations and institutions, Embassies, Consular Corps and international or intergovernmental organizations located in Morocco, a certified copy of the national identity card or possibly a certificate of residence, the network's owner, and a copy of the declaration in the commercial register and the registration certificate regarding the role of the patent (dated less than 3 months)
- 4. A solemn agreement:
 - a. Template for private sector organizations;
 - b. Template for governmental and public institutions.
- 5. A check payable to the ANRT or receipt of payment, stating the nature of the costs and expenses including the application-processing fee.

- 6. Technical application for IRNs.
- 7. A study detailing:
 - a. The reasons for its creation and the need to use specific technical means, other than those offered by existing telecommunications networks;
 - b. Network configuration, specifying the main transmission sites;
- c. The needs for frequency channels.

For temporary independent radio networks

- 1. A request for the creation of a temporary wireless network, explaining the reasons and the context of use of radio installations;
- 2. Technical 'RIRT' form, duly filled, signed and stamped;
- 3. A photocopy of the identity card or passport of the person signing the application;
- 4. Proof of payment of the application-processing fee.

Notes

Connecting an Independent Radio Networks (IRN) to the public telecommunication networks is authorized on a case-by-case basis (see Article 14, paragraph 3 of Law No. 24-96). A request is made to this end to the ANRT specifying the connection interfaces.

Note that the authorization for the creation of an IRN, issued by the Agency, is by no means an authorization to borrow or use the public domain or third party property. The incumbent will need to have agreements and licenses provided for this purpose by the regulations.

Controlling radio stations using an IRN and operating the latter are authorized after payment of control costs and a fee for assignment of frequency band determined in accordance with the regulations, including the order of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Telecommunications No. 2045-18 dated 20 June 2018 fixing the fees for the assignment of frequencies.

It should be noted that non-compliance with various regulatory and technical provisions exposes the holder of the authorization to the enforcement of Article 31 of Law 24-96 and the withdrawal of the authorization.

Presentation and regulatory references

In accordance with Law No. 24-96 on postal and telecommunications services, as amended and supplemented, and in particular Articles 1.9, 3, 9 and 14, the establishment and operation of independent networks are subject to prior approval by the National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency.

An independent network is defined as a telecommunications network, necessarily and exclusively used for the needs of the person (natural or legal) creating the network without commercial purpose.



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A network is considered of private use when the person creating it intends it for use. It is called shared-use when used by a company or its subsidiaries and branches in order to share internal communications within the same group.

Technically, independent networks use their own infrastructure created by or on behalf of persons or entities that wish to use them.

Documents and Forms

- Technical aspects of the application
- Administrative aspects of the application
- Application fees
- Solemn agreement template for governmental and public institutions.
- Solemn agreement template for private organizations
- Application of provisional authorization for the creation of a temporary independent radio network

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