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MEDIA RELEASE

ICASA invites communities to apply for digital community television broadcasting service pre-registrations

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Pretoria – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) hereby reminds all interested communities to respond to the Invitation To Apply (ITA) for pre-registration in respect of applications for Digital Community Television Broadcasting Service Licences and applications for Radio Frequency Spectrum on Multiplex 1 for purposes of providing digital community television broadcasting services.

The Notice was since issued on 10 March 2020 and the closing date for submissions is **04 November 2020** at 11h00.

Stakeholders are therefore informed that this is a pre-registration process that will culminate in the licensing of community television services and the issuing of the 15% maximum capacity on DTT Multiplex 1 per Province as indicated in the table below.

Further note that additional broadcasting service licences may be issued to community television broadcasting services to make up a 15% maximum capacity on DTT Multiplex 1 per Province where there is already assigned community broadcasting services in the Province.

Province	Number of Licences that may be issued
Gauteng	1
North West	3
Limpopo	3
Kwa-Zulu Natal	2
Western Cape	2
Eastern Cape	2
Northern Cape	3
Free State	3
Mpumalanga	3

The Acting Chairperson of ICASA, Ms Palesa Kadi encouraged communities who intend applying for the licences to ensure compliance with all the requirements because that is the basis on which the assessment will be made.

“Compliance in the regulatory environment is a significant part of ICASA’s mandate, and we therefore urge stakeholders to read all the relevant documents, make sure that they understand them and submit the correct information. These include, among others, Community Broadcasting Services Regulations of 2019, Process and Procedure Regulations and this ITA”, says Kadi.

All applicants are required to submit a pre-registration notice as per the requirements set out in Form B of the Processes and Procedure Regulations, which must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Curriculum Vitae of Board Members and Management;
- b) Disclosure of Interests of Board Members and Management;
- c) Tax Clearance certificate;
- d) Demand, Need, Support including profiled community broadcasters in the coverage area and programming format;
- e) Projects reporting on management, governance and finances; and
- f) Corporate governance and operational policies including, but not limited to the technical operations, Human Resource Policy, Financial Policy, Programming Policy, Editorial Policy, Social Media Policy; and Political branding at the station and affiliation Policy.

The evaluation criteria are clearly defined in the ITA; and some of the key requirements include the applicant submitting proof that it is a Non-Profit Organization that has been in operation for a period of two (2) years or more; and a further demonstration for community development and empowerment with respect to the community where the services will be rendered.

“It should be noted that the Authority reserves its right not to consider any application that do not meet the requirements as set out in this ITP-R or applicable legislations and regulations”, concludes Kadi.

The pre-registration notice has been attached and can also be found on www.icasa.org.za/pages/invitations-to-apply.

Kindly note that all enquiries and questions relating to this licensing process must be directed to the Licensing Division for the attention of Mr Thabo Ndhlovu (Manager: Service Broadcasting) via email on tndhlovu@icasa.org.za. All spectrum-related enquiries must be directed to Mr Davis Moshweunyane (Manager: Broadcasting Frequency Coordination) via email on dmoshweunyane@icasa.org.za.

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