Notification Form for Media Service Providers

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**Note:** Where completing the form in respect of a change under Rule 4.1, please fill in the entire form. If there has been no change to a particular section of the form, write “no change” or “not applicable”.

**1.** **The name or names of the media service provider.**

Please provide the following information –

1.1 The name or names of the media service provider that provides the on-demand service/s. Please specify whether the media service provider is a legal or a natural person.

1.2 If the media service provider is a legal entity e.g. a body corporate, co-operative society etc., please provide the company registration/identification number or equivalent documentation.

1.3 If the media service provider holds or operates, or has previously held or operated, a broadcasting or on-demand service, please provide details in this regard.

1. **The contact details of the media service provider.**

Please provide the following information –

2.1 Registered office/branch address of the media service provider.

2.2 Contact details by which the **public** can contact the media service provider, including in respect of the service/s being operated.

2.3 Contact details for the individual who will deal with the Commission on the **notification** process.

2.4 Contact details for the individual dealing with **compliance** matters, should the service be included on the statutory register following notification.

2.5 Names and addresses of the **directors** of the media service provider.

1. **The name or names of each audiovisual on-demand media service provided by the media service provider.**

Please provide the following information –

* 1. The trading name of the on-demand service(s) that is/are being provided including, where different, the name used for promotion and branding to the public of each service.

**4. In each case, a description of the nature of the service and the nature of the content provided by the service provided by the media service provider.**

4.1 Nature of the Service/s

Please provide the following information –

4.1.1 **A brief description of the nature of the service.** This shall include whether the service provides original content, provides a catch-up facility, archive services or other services. Where the service provides a mix of the above, each type of service shall be detailed.

4.1.2 **Information on the funding model for each service**. This should indicate whether the service/s is using a transactional, subscription, advertiser-funded service or other funding model.[[1]](#footnote-2) Where the service is free-to-view, the funding model shall be detailed e.g., the service is free to users[[2]](#footnote-3) but advertiser funded.

4.1.3 **Information on the target audience for the service.** This should include whether the target audience is the Irish public or elsewhere. If elsewhere, the other jurisdictions that are the target audience shall be listed including information on whether there is a primary target audience in another jurisdiction and whether the jurisdiction is a member of the European Union or outside of the EU.

4.1.4 **Information on the different ways in which the on-demand service can be accessed by the public**. This should include any information on access via apps, online, set-top boxes (including those under the direct control of the media service provider) or other avenues.

4.2 Nature of the Content

Please provide the following information –

4.2.1 **A brief description of the nature of the content.** This should include the genre of programme/s that are provided, the age group/s at which the content is aimed, and other information considered relevant by the media service provider.

**5. A statement of the basis upon which the media service provider considers that it is under the jurisdiction of the State.**

* 1. With specific reference to section 2A of the 2009 Act (set out in Schedule 2), please outline how the media service provider is under the jurisdiction of the State.

**6. A statement of the basis upon which the media service provider considers that it is a “relevant media service provider” under section 46I of the Act.**

Please answer the following questions –

6.1 Is the media service provider a corporation or a subsidiary of a corporation, being RTÉ or TG4?

6.2 Does the media service provider hold a broadcasting contract entered into under section 63, 64, 68 or 70 of the Act?

6.3 Does the media service provider or a related person[[3]](#footnote-4) publish a newspaper or periodical consisting substantially of news and comment on current affairs?

6.4 Is the media service provider or a related person a broadcaster?

6.5 Does the media service provider or a related person provide programme material consisting substantially of news and comment on current affairs to a broadcaster?

6.6 Does the media service provider or a related person make available on an electronic communications network any written, audio, audiovisual or photographic material consisting substantially of news and comment on current affairs under their editorial control?

6.7 Are the annual sales derived from the activities at 6.3-6.6 above greater than €2 million?

1. Including public funding. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. A free-to-view service includes a service funded by a television licence fee or similar mechanism. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. A person is a related person if the person is part of the same group of companies (within the meaning given to that term by section 8 of the Companies Act 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)