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FCC Sets Fiscal Year 2025 Regulatory Fee Payment Amounts

On August 29, 2025, the FCC released a [Report and Order](#) establishing its Fiscal Year 2025 regulatory fees. All licensees must pay their required annual regulatory fees by September 25, 2025. Payments received after the deadline will be assessed a 25% late payment penalty.

All licensees must use the [FCC CORES System](#), and review, create, update, or change the fees owed. Then, each licensee must choose a payment method – online payment with a credit or debit card, online payment from a bank account, or sending a wire transfer. Keep in mind, you will not receive an invoice for your Cable/IPTV regulatory fees. Rather, you must proactively file them on Form 159.

Fee amounts. The FCC has set the following regulatory fees:

- **2025 Cable/IPTV/DBS regulatory fee:** All MVPDs, including cable systems, IPTV systems and DBS operators that had subscribers as of December 31, 2024, must pay \$1.47 per subscriber, a \$0.20 increase from 2024.
- **CARS licenses and permits:** CARS facilities operating on October 1, 2025, must pay \$1,945, a \$120 increase from 2024, even if the facility's license expired after October 1, 2024.
- **Interconnected VoIP regulatory fee:** \$0.005125 for each dollar of interstate and international telecommunications revenue that a provider reports on its Form 499-A.

De minimis exemption. Entities whose total regulatory fee liability, including all categories of fees for which payment is due, is \$1,000 or less are exempt from payment. Municipal providers and providers that qualify as non-profit entities are also exempt from regulatory fees.

If you have any questions about the payment of FY 2025 regulatory fees, please contact Scott Friedman at (608) 469-3596 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

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