

Revised draft DTT regulations up for public comment

The public is invited to oral submissions and discussions on the revised set of Draft Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) regulations published for a final round of public consultation by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA).



There are two main changes to the regulations on which ICASA would particularly like to hear the views of the public.

The authority is proposing to use the second mobile digital terrestrial television multiplex as a third DTT multiplex during the dual illumination period to accommodate new entrants; and to stimulate the uptake of DTT services, foster content and enhance consumer choice. This is in response to the Amended Broadcasting Digital Migration Policy of 17 February 2012 in which the Minister of Communications directs ICASA 'to explore how best to introduce new services and licensees', while ensuring that the digital migration process gives priority to incumbent broadcasters.

Digital Television Content Advisory Group

Secondly, the authority is also proposing the formation of a Digital Television Content Advisory Group to advise on the most effective ways to ensure the supply of digital television content to encourage consumers to acquire set-top boxes in order to begin viewing digital television services.

The authority has since received 20 submissions from interested parties on the Draft DTT Regulations, 17 of which have indicated their willingness to make oral representations.

The public hearings will be held 21-23 August 2012 from 8.30am to 4pm at ICASA, Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton. Enquiries can be emailed to Refilwe Ramatlo rramatlo@icasa.org.za.

The published government gazette is available [here](#).

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