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## **National Communications Authority**

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### **NCA APPROVES AUTHORISATIONS TO STATIONS CLOSED DOWN AFTER 2017 FM AUDIT**

**Accra, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2021:** The Governing Board of the National Communications Authority (NCA), at a Board meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, approved the grant of a total of One Hundred and Thirty Three (133) FM radio broadcasting authorisations which include new applications from entities whose FM radio stations were closed down after the 2017 FM Audit as well as existing stations which applied for renewal of their expired FM Radio broadcasting authorisations.

This approval from the Board is subject to the applicants attending a sensitisation workshop on the terms and conditions of FM radio broadcasting authorisations. The workshop shall clarify the legal, regulatory, and technical requirements for the establishment and operation of an FM Radio Broadcasting station.

Provisional authorisations shall be issued to the successful applicants at the end of the workshop and frequencies shall be assigned to the applicants **only upon the fulfillment** of the conditions of the Provisional Authorisation.

The general public is reminded that per Section 2(4) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2008, Act 775, a person shall not operate a broadcasting system or provide a broadcasting service without a frequency authorisation by the Authority. Offenders are liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than three thousand penalty units or to a term of imprisonment of not more than five years or to both, as per Section 73 of Act 775 of 2008.

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#### **About NCA**

*The National Communications Authority, (NCA), was established by an Act of Parliament, Act 524 in December 1996, which has been repealed and replaced by the National Communications Authority Act, 2008, Act 769.*