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Subject: FCC Enhances Universal Licensing System (ULS) by Adding Tribal Specific Entity Types; FCC Application Fee Exemption

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

On July 18, 2024, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) issued a [Public Notice DA 24-699](#), announcing that the FCC added Tribal specific entity types to certain Universal Licensing System (ULS) forms. This is an update that will improve identification of how and where Tribal Nations are directly accessing licensed wireless spectrum. Specifically, the new entity types “Tribal Nation” and “Business Controlled by a Tribal Nation” have been added to the FCC Form 601, Form 603, and Form 608 and their use will exempt applications from related FCC Application Fees.

Tribal Nations and Tribally controlled business entities can select “Tribal Nation” or “Business Controlled by a Tribal Nation” when filing new wireless license or lease applications in ULS, which will be processed as exempt from related FCC Application Fees on a going forward basis. Existing Tribal licensees and lessees can also update the entity type for an existing FCC wireless license or lease by filing a modification application to facilitate the FCC Application Fee exemption. Note that multiple modification applications will be necessary to the extent that a Tribal Nation or Tribally controlled business entity holds more than one license or lease under different FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs).

Please consult the [Public Notice DA 24-699](#) and its Attachment for more information including detailed ULS license and lease modification application filing instructions for existing Tribal wireless licensees and lessees. There is no requirement or deadline for Tribal Nations and Tribally controlled business entities associated with this ULS enhancement, however, updating the entity type to one of the new categories is an efficient way to self-identify as FCC Application Fee exempt, in combination with a “yes” response to the relevant Application Fee exemption question.

If you have questions about, or need assistance with, filing an application in ULS, please submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp> or call the FCC Licensing Support Center at (877) 480-3201, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM EST, M – F. For other questions about this *Public Notice*, please contact TribalEntityUpdate@fcc.gov.

Please also feel free to reach out to the FCC’s Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Native@fcc.gov with any questions.

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