



Application to Obtain a Broadcasting License to Carry on a Religious Radio Programming Undertaking - Form 134

General instructions

Filing

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Instructions

You may complete the downloaded questionnaire by inserting your response in bold letters immediately following the question. You may add lines to the tables if necessary but do not alter or delete any text from the questionnaire.

The application must be divided into sections as set out in the questionnaire and include the numbered questions followed by the corresponding response. Responses must be provided, at a minimum, in a size 10 font.

Naming conventions for the electronic documents

The following documents should be submitted as separate electronic documents using the naming convention specified below. The document number (Doc#) indicates the ascending order in which the documents should appear on the public file.

Table 1 - Naming convention for the electronic documents	
Document	Electronic file name
The Covering Letter (if any)	Doc1 - Cover Letter
The Application Form	Doc2 - Form 134 "Application to Obtain a Broadcasting Licence to Carry on a Religious Radio Programming Undertaking"
Appendix 1A	Doc3 - Appendix 1A - Supplementary brief for Ummah Radio
Appendix 2A	Doc4 - Appendix 2A - Constituting Documents
Appendix 3A	Doc5 - Appendix 3A - Contour Map
Appendix 3B	Doc6 - Appendix 3B - Documentation - Availability of proposed Transmitter Site(s)
Each abridged version of each confidential document	Doc - Abridged Version - "same description of document for which confidentiality is requested"

1. General information

Type of station: AM () **FM (X)** Check here if low-power* ()

* Low-power AM is an undertaking with a transmitter power of less than 100 watts in the 525 - 1705 kHz band. Low-power FM is an undertaking with a maximum Effective Radiated Power (ERP) of 50 watts and transmitting antenna height of 60 meters in the 88 - 108 MHz band.

Location of undertaking:

Ummah Masjid Community Centre (UMCC)
2510 St Matthias St, Halifax, NS B3L 0A9

1.1 Identification of applicant

Not-for-profit corporation to be incorporated ()

Not-for-profit corporation **(X)** Specify: _____

Name: **Ummah Masjid Community Centre (UMCC)**

Address: **2510 St Matthias St**

City: **Halifax**

Province/Territory: **Nova Scotia**

Postal code: **B3L 0A9**

Telephone: **(902) 407-1411**

Email: **eadmin@ummahsociety.ca**

Contact person representing the applicant

(If there is no appointed designated representative under question 1.2)

1.2 Appointment of designated representative

I, Abdallah Yousri, Imam of UMCC Halifax the applicant, hereby designate David Bannerman of Newport as my designated representative for and on my behalf and in my name to sign, file and complete (if necessary) an application with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and to sign and file a reply with respect thereto and I do hereby ratify, confirm and adopt as my own act, such application and all replies made thereto.

Date: May 1st /2025 At: Newport, Nova Scotia

Signature: **David Bannerman (Licensing Assistant to UMCC of Halifax)**

Address of designated representative: **124 Etter Rd Extension, Newport NS, B0N 2A0**

Title: **David Bannerman**

Telephone: **902-253-2048**

Email: **David@MediaVoice.ca**

1.3 Declaration of the applicant or its designated representative

I, **David Bannerman of Newport NS**, solemnly declare that:

- a. I am the designated representative of the applicant named in this application brief and as such have knowledge of all matters declared therein.
- b. The statements made in this application or any document filed pursuant to any request for further information by the Commission are (will be) to the best of my knowledge and belief true in all respects.
- c. The opinions and estimates given in this application or any document filed pursuant to any request for further information by the Commission are (will be) based on facts as known to me.
- d. I have examined the provisions of the *Broadcasting Act* and the broadcasting regulations and CRTC policies relevant to this application.

And I have signed

Signature: **David A Bannerman**

Date: **May 20th/2025**

Witnessed by

Signature: **Lloyd Smith**

Name: **Lloyd Smith**

Date: **May 20th/2025**

At: **West Brooklyn, Nova Scotia**

1.4 Procedural request

The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules of Procedure) allow an interested person to request that the Commission exercise a power under the Rules of Procedure or change the Rules of Procedure for a specific proceeding (sections 5 and 7). This is generally called a procedural request. You may consult *Implementation of new Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC [2010-958](#), 23 December 2010, and *Guidelines on the CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC [2010-959](#), 23 December 2010, for more information.

Is the applicant requesting that the Commission make an exception to its Rules of Procedure in the treatment of this application?

Yes () **No (X)**

If **yes**, please indicate which section of the Rules of Procedure you wish to vary and provide a detailed rationale as to why this request should be granted:

1.5 Application

The Commission will return the application if it has not been duly completed. The onus will be on the applicant to submit a complete application that provides all of the relevant information, to identify all regulatory issues raised in the application and provide supporting documentation.

Submit a website address or email address where an electronic copy of the application may be requested:

Here are **2 sources** for the public to request and/or to view a copy of this FM application.

Website: <https://www.ummahmasjid.ca> & **E-mail:** eadmin@ummahsociety.ca

Please describe the exceptional circumstances that lead you to file your application with the Commission despite the postponement of the review of any new radio applications or complaints announced in *Change to the processing time for applications and complaints relating to radio undertakings*, Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2023-278, 22 August 2023.

We are submitting this new Halifax FM Radio License application a few months before the end of the CRTC FM License Application moratorium for the following important reason:

Our professional Engineering Report & Technical application for Halifax with extensive documents from YRH Engineering in Montreal was submitted to ISED (Industry Canada Spectrum Mgt Division) in the fall of 2024. Our ISED application number is 011068284-001 and the call sign CHXU-FM has been assigned to our technical application for processing.

We were aware of the CRTC moratorium when we filed with ISED and we expected all new technical applications to ISED would be simply placed on hold. However, later in early 2025, we received notice from ISED Spectrum Mgt that our CRTC License application must be filed with the CRTC before June 5th/2025 so that ISED can complete their processing of our Technical submission.

We were told that if our new license application was not filed to the CRTC by June 5th/2025, our current technical ISED application would be closed and ISED will then require a complete restart of the entire engineering cycle of technical reports, resulting in “significant extra additional costs and budgetary expenditures” for the UMCC Society in Halifax Nova Scotia.

We are following ISED’s directive and filing this FM application to the CRTC now prior to June 5th/25. We are requesting the CRTC simply accept this license application into the queue.

Please note: We are aware and we understand this new ‘Halifax Religious Special FM license application submission to the CRTC could simply be placed in the queue and will not be processed or adjudicated by the CRTC until after the FM License moratorium is lifted in August of 2025.

See the email from ISED below as supporting evidence for this request to accept this FM Religious Specialty Radio License application into the queue.

Email Received from ISED:

On Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 3:15 PM Broadcasting-Radiodiffusion (IC) <broadcasting-radiodiffusion@ised-isde.gc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon David,

I am pleased that our telephone conversation resulted in clarification of the application process for future submissions.

As discussed, I will grant a 90 day extension for you to submit your CRTC application accordingly. Proof that the CRTC application was filed must be provided to ISED no later than June 5th, 2025.

Sincerely,

Christina Mut

Broadcast Application and Certification Officer, Spectrum Management Operations Branch

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada / Government of Canada

broadcasting-radiodiffusion@ised-isde.gc.ca / Tel: 343-291-1568 / TTY: 1-866-694-8389

Should the Commission determine that you have demonstrated with supporting evidence that exceptional circumstances justify processing your application, the Commission notes that the processing time may be longer than usual and as a result the [Commission's service objectives](#) may not be met:

2. Ownership

2.1

Complete the following table relating to the directors and officers, including the Chief Executive Officer, of the applicant. Please note that all sections must be completed.

Directors and Officers				
Name	Complete Home Address	Citizenship	Position Held	Directors: Date and Term of Appointment

Please see the attached Ownership Appendix #2A, the Applicant's Board of Directors & CEO, including Terms and Appointment Dates.

2.2

Any religious organization or foundation using the Canadian broadcasting system to solicit funds should be a charity, and should be registered as such with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* (Public Notice CRTC [1993-78](#) - Religious Broadcasting Policy).

We agree to adhere to the guideline that stipulates that any organization that solicits funds should be a registered charity organization.

Yes (X)

Please see the attached Ownership Appendix #2B, the Applicant's Incorporation and Charity Designation.

2.3

Who controls/will control the proposed undertaking and by what means?

Ummah Radio (CHXU) if approved by the CRTC, will be owned and operated under the control of the Ummah Masjid Society of Halifax, consisting of the Society's Board of Directors Executive, CEO and the Ummah Masjid Radio Committee which will consist of a Program Director, a Music Librarian, a Producer, a Writer, Program Hosts, a Radio Broadcast Engineer and a group of local Radio Volunteers. Ummah Radio will also liaise with the Nova Scotia Community College Radio program across the harbour in Dartmouth for a potential internship association and support.

Supporting document to be appended:

Copy of all constituting documents (for example, Letters Patent, Certificates and Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, etc.) of the applicant.

Please see the attached Ownership Appendix #2C, which contains the applicant's Society By-laws and constitution.

3. Technical information

3.1

- a. Have all required technical documents been filed with Industry Canada? Please note that the Commission cannot consider your application further until all documents are filed.

Yes (X)

Please see Appendix #3.1, ISED Proof of Receipt of all Technical application documents for the Ummah Society Halifax (CHXU) application.

- b. I hereby authorize the Commission to include as part of this application any document or correspondence filed with Industry Canada with respect to this application.

Yes (X)

3.2

Provide the following technical information:

	Proposed Operation	Note
Frequency	106.9 FM	106.9 MHz FM
Channel and Class	Channel 295	Class A
Maximum ERP - Effective Radiated Power (at beam-tilt angle) (for FM)	4000 Watts	If no beam-tilt is used, provide ERP in horizontal plane
Average ERP - Effective Radiated Power (at beam-tilt angle) (for FM)	2587 Watts	If no beam-tilt is used, provide ERP in horizontal plane
EHAAT - Effective Height Above Average Terrain	44.7 metres	FM only
Antenna and Transmitter site coordinates	44 39 02 North	North Latitude
	63 35 51 West	West Longitude
Studio Location	2510 St Matthias St, Halifax	Antenna Mount will be located atop the highest Minaret on top of the Mosque Building

Please refer to Document Appendix #3A: See the enclosed Full P.Eng Report for this application including contour maps from YRH Engineering in Montreal.

Appendix 3A

In the case of a regular power station, provide a clearly legible copy of the maps required in the Engineering Brief submitted to Industry Canada, and which show the proposed coverage contours.

In case of proposal for a conversion from AM to FM, provide a comparison of the 5 mV/m AM contour with the 0.5 mV/m FM contour and of the 15 mV/m AM contour with the 3 mV/m FM contour.

The Commission encourages you to submit your proposed coverage area contours in a geographical information system (GIS) compatible file format (for example, .mid/.mif, .tab, .dxf, .dwg, .e00, .shp, .dgn). Also provide the map datum and projection used. This file can be submitted electronically or on a diskette.

Appendix 3B

Documentation supporting the availability of the proposed transmitter site(s).

Please see the Supporting document Appendix #3B providing availability of the proposed transmitter site.

4. Financial operations

4.1 Establishment cost: _____ \$

4.2 Source of funds: **The Ummah Society of Halifax**

Please see the Supporting documents Appendix #4A providing the Financial Forecast for Ummah Radio Halifax (CHXU) .

5. Information on Halifax Regional Municipality Religions

Stats Canada's most recent Religion statistics are from 2021.

5.1 Statscan Majority religion: Christian

5.2 Statscan number of followers of majority religion in Halifax followed by descending #'s:

Christian - 231,255

Catholic - 102,310

Anglican - 36,470

United - 28,130

Baptist- 16,090

Muslim - 14,050 Please note: Local recent figures (2024) have Halifax Regional Municipality Muslim population #'s closing in on 25,000+

5.3

Number of HRM followers of other religions: There are 19 other religions lower than the top 6 listed above in (5.2) with combined #'s that total 31,545

6. Programming

6.1 The undertaking will provide live broadcasts of: ~~masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms~~ and other such religious celebrations. See below:

Yes (X) The undertaking will provide live broadcasts of: Calls To Prayer, Daily & Weekly Prayer services, Special guest speakers, as well as many other religious events & celebrations including annual 'month long' Ramadan activities as well as local special community events at the UMCC Community Centre which is located in the same building as UMCC Studios.

Please see both Supporting documents Appendix #6A the 7 day Program Guide and Cancon ...and also #6B ... Syndicated and Local Programming

6.2 Minimum number of LOCAL programming hours per week: 111

Upon the forwarding of this application, the minimum number of LOCAL programming hours per week stand at 111 of the 126 hours weekly. The remaining 15 hours a week will originate from external Syndicators.

6.3 Language(s) of programming

Languages	(✓)
English	Yes
Arabic	Yes
Urdu	Yes
French	Yes

If approved, the Ummah Masjid FM radio station CHXU will be the only FM radio station in Halifax offering original content and programming in English, Arabic, Urdu and French. These are the four most spoken languages within the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), representing a vast number of residents, including those from marginalized and underrepresented communities. This unique multilingual approach ensures that One Ummah Radio will reach a wide audience and cater to the linguistic diversity of the greater Halifax region.

6.4

- The licensee undertakes to adhere to the guidelines on ethics and to comply with practices 1 to 4 of Public Notice CRTC [1993-78](#).

Yes (X) No ()

b. Please specify how you intend to adhere to these guidelines and practices.

The UMCC Society of Halifax is committed to ensure full compliance with the CRTC's Religious Broadcasting Policy by upholding the principle of balance in programming. We understand that the Canadian Broadcasting regulations require licensees to present a diversity of perspectives on matters of public concern. Even though our content may reflect Islamic values and teachings, we will make efforts to provide access to other viewpoints on relevant social topics, either directly in our programming and also through partnerships with other religious Halifax based community voices. This approach respects the spirit of balance while remaining rooted in our faith-based mission as we approach the exciting possibility of launching CHXU in the very near future.

In accordance with the CRTC's emphasis on ethical broadcasting standards, we commit to transparency and responsibility in all aspects of our operations. We have always adopted and followed clear ethical guidelines to avoid any form of intolerance, exploitation, or abuse of our platform, reflecting both Islamic values and Canadian standards for fairness and respect.

Finally, we recognize the importance of religious broadcasting as both a privilege and a public service, especially for our local communities and the many new Nova Scotia immigrants facing social challenges like isolation or lack of representation. Our programming will strive to provide spiritual support, education, and cultural enrichment, including promoting Canadian Islamic music which we will promote vigorously as we locate it, and concentrating on local Halifax and area content, along with promoting the many community initiatives we're involved in. Upon receiving a license from the CRTC, and even during the subsequent immediate studio construction that will follow, our UMCC Radio Committee will quickly take shape, and each and every member will receive a copy of the Canadian Religious Broadcasting policies as outlined in [CRTC document 1993-78](#). We are committed to working with the CRTC. The Ummah Society in Halifax is a highly respected dynamic and growing center for a growing number of people who are visiting our Mosque and Community Centre on a frequent basis. We aim not only to serve our many visitors but also to contribute positively and inclusively to the broader Canadian media landscape, in full alignment with the CRTC's policy objectives.

6.5 Conditions of license

The licensee accepts the following Conditions of license, which must be adhered to during all hours of the broadcast day:

- a. The licensee must broadcast programming consisting solely of religious services, with the exception of programs or program segments it produces for the purpose of ensuring balance on matters of public concern. Such programs or program segments must also adhere to guidelines (I) to (IV) contained in section III.B.2a) of Public Notice CRTC [1993-78](#).

Yes (X)

If **no**, explain.

- b. The licensee shall not broadcast advertising material.

Yes (X)

No Advertising Commercial Announcements from Radio Sub-Category 51 will air on CHXU. However, as other Canadian Religious stations have, we would like to have the 'option' to broadcast Sponsor Mentions, along with potential Sponsorship of specific programs or program hours under CRTC Radio Advertising Sub-Categories 52 and 53.

- c. The licensee must adhere to the guidelines on ethics for religious programming set out in section IV of Public Notice CRTC [1993-78](#) regarding tolerance, integrity, social responsibility and solicitation of funds.

Yes (X)

7. Request for documents to be designated as confidential

Sections 30 to 34 of the *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* set out a process by which parties to Commission proceedings may file information on the record of a public proceeding in confidence.

A party filing information can "designate" it as confidential at the time it is filed with the Commission (section 31) if it falls into one of the following categories:

- a. Information that is a trade secret
- b. Financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that is confidential and that is treated consistently in a confidential manner by the person who submitted it; or
- c. Information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected :
 - i. To result in material financial loss or gain to any person;
 - ii. To prejudice the competitive position of any person; or
 - iii. To affect contractual or other negotiations of any person.

At the time that the party files the information it designates as confidential, it must provide an abridged version of the document along with an explanation of how the information falls into a category of information listed in section 31. The party must provide a detailed rationale to explain why the disclosure of the information is not in the public interest (section 32(1)).

The confidential version of the document must be filed separately and must be marked "confidential" on each page. If the document is filed electronically, each file containing confidential information must include "confidential" in the file name.

Please consult the *Implementation of new Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC [2010-958](#), 23 December 2010, and the *Procedures for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure in Commission proceedings*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC [2010-961](#), 23 December 2010, for complete process for filing confidential information.

7.1 Request for documents to be designated as confidential

Are you requesting for some information to be designated as confidential?

Yes () **No (X)** :

Book of supporting documents

Documents should be submitted in an accessible format ([Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2015-242](#))

Appendix Number and Name	Appended (Yes or No)	E-Filed (Yes or No)
Section 1: General Information		
1A - Supplementary Brief	Yes	Yes
1B – History of the Ummah Society	Yes	Yes
Section 2: Ownership		
2A - Constituting Documents / Board of Directors-CEO and Terms	Yes	Yes
2B – UMCC Incorporation & Non-Profit Charity Status	Yes	Yes
2C - Ummah Society Constitution and By-Laws		
Section 3: Technical Information		
3.1 Proof of ISED receipt of all Technical Documents	Yes	Yes
3A – Full P.Eng Technical Report including Contour Maps	Yes	Yes
3B - Document - Availability of proposed Transmitter Site	Yes	Yes
Section 4: Financial Information		
4A – Financial Projections for CHXU Ummah Radio	Yes	Yes
Section 6: Program Information		
6A - 7 day Weekly Programming Grid	Yes	Yes
6B – Syndicated Programs/Local Programs & CanCon for CHXU	Yes	Yes