

LETTER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO RASA MEMBERS



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Dear RASA Member

SABC TELEVISION LICENCES – OFFER TO RASA MEMBERS

The SABC's *Television Licences* Department in conjunction with the *Restaurant Association of South Africa* (RASA) wishes to explore the possibility of a mutually beneficial partnership that would ensure that all RASA members comply with the television licence legislation by paying their licence fees.

It is proposed that in terms of the partnership RASA members willing to form part of this agreement would qualify for a bulk discount ranging from 10 – 25% on their TV licence fees (depending on the number of television sets in their possession) in line with the discount policy as approved by the SABC's Board of Directors.

A business TV licence is issued to entities (including government departments) in possession of or using television sets in their business/commercial activities or on premises occupied for business purposes. The applicable fee as per the *Television Licence Regulations* is R225.00 per annum per television set. A business *television* licence is payable annually in advance.

In terms of the *Television Licence Regulations* published in Government Gazette No 25959 of 28 January 2004 a business must within 30 days after the end of each licensing year provide the SABC with an Annual Audited Statement reflecting the number of television sets and the period for which those sets were in its possession during that licence year. A business that provides an audited statement with an incorrect number of sets must, in addition to any television licence fees and fines, pay a R300.00 penalty in respect of each TV set not reflected in said audited statement.

Please note, also, that should any business be found in possession of or using a television set or sets without a valid (paid-up) TV licence, the *Broadcasting Act* provides for a penalty of R200% of the annual licence fee for every unlicensed set in its possession.

In order to enable the SABC to formulate a suitable agreement with RASA it would therefore be appreciated if all RASA members would mail the following details to RASA and /or to the SABC:

- § Full details of your business (trading name, physical and postal addresses, contact details and e-mail address);
- § Total number of television sets in the possession of the establishment;
- § Total number of rented television sets in the establishment (name of lessor, start date of lease agreement and contract number), if any; and
- § The existing business TV licence account number, if any.

Members may contact the SABC's Business Accounts Department by phone on 011 330 9702 or by fax 011 330 9781 or via e-mail at business@tvlic.co.za. Alternatively, visit our website www.tvlic.co.za for more information.

We look forward to your cooperation in ensuring a mutually beneficial relationship between the SABC, RASA and its members.

Yours sincerely

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