

Comparison Between Event-based Licensing and Term-based Licensing

Event-based Licensing for Arts Entertainment (current system)	Term-based Licensing for Arts Entertainment (proposed addition to complement current system)
Valid for one event	Valid for a year for the staging of multiple events
Submit relevant event / performance materials to MDA 40 working days prior to date of first event / performance	Deposit ¹ relevant event / performance materials with MDA 20 working days prior to date of first event / performance
Licence fee of \$5 - 10 per day depending on genre	No licence fee
MDA issues arts classification rating based on the arts classification guidelines	Licensee’s appointed Content Assessors classifies events / performances based on the same arts classification guidelines that are issued by MDA

¹ Under event-based licensing, MDA assesses the content of the event / performance as part of the same process of licensing the event / performance for staging. Hence, the organiser has to, after submitting the materials, wait for MDA’s decision on whether he can proceed with the event / performance. Under a Term Licence, the organiser is already licensed for multiple events, hence he only needs to deposit the materials and need not wait for MDA’s decision on whether he can proceed with the specific event/ performance.