



## The Decisive Role of Fees for EETT

EETT is an Independent Administrative Authority whose main duties involve the supervision and regulation of the electronic communications market and the postal services market in Greece. EETT, based on the clear legal provisions that govern its function at any time (Law No. 2246/1994, Law No. 2668/1998, Law No. 2867/2000, Law No. 3185/2003, Law No. 3431/2006), enjoys administrative and financial independence.

The financial independence of EETT is ensured thanks to the collection of the following categories of fees from the obligated companies - operators:

### Electronic Communication Services Fees

- General Authorization Fees.
- Radio Frequency Assignment and Usage Fees.
- Fees charged for the Assignment-Usage-Reservation of National Numbering Plan Numbers.
- Fees charged for Domain Names acts.
- Special Radio Network Fees.
- Electronic Signature Fees.

### Postal Services Fees

- General Authorization Fees.
- Individual License Fees.
- Fees for Service Provision Declaration examination.

Based on existing laws, the above fees cover all the administrative costs incurred by EETT, whereas 80% of the potential financial gain shall be paid to the National Budget every two years. Until now, the relevant percentage, which pertains to the financial result made in until 31-12-2005, has been paid.

The remaining percentage is maintained by EETT and may be used, based on a Decision made by the Minister of Transport and Communications, for special actions taken by the General Secretariat of Communications.

The EETT fees are determined in EETT Regulations based on a relevant authorizing legal provision and are not subject to VAT (they are administrative fees). The corresponding documentation shall be signed by a competent employee, stamped by the respective stamp of the authority and deposited necessarily to an EETT bank account. For each category of fees, the Financial Administration Department issues the legally required documentation (Fees Payment Receipts or Due Fees Statements) through an appropriately automated and reliable procedure, which is constantly being improved and is expected to be completed by the introduction of the new Integrated Computer System of EETT.

The same department controls and monitors the collection of the above fees and notifies the respective EETT departments. If there are due balances, the Directorate responsible for each category of fees notifies the persons owing the fees and, if they do not

comply, it recommends to the Plenary Session of EETT the certification of amounts due by the competent Tax Authority Office and collection thereof through the procedure provided for in the Code of Public Revenues Collection. The Financial Administration Department supervises the procedure followed for forwarding amounts due to the competent Tax Authority Office and monitors collection thereof.

In any case, it is pointed out that the collection of fees through the Tax Authority is a last resort used by EETT only after having exhausted all previous steps taken for ensuring voluntary compliance by the providers under regulation.

The development of a climate of mutual trust between EETT and the obligated companies with regard to the payment of fees is a key goal of the EETT Management, and the Financial Administration Department has worked hard towards the realization of that goal. To that end, competent staff members, in a spirit of professionalism and conscientiousness, are always available to provide obligated companies - operators with information and deal with any issues that arise.

