

Regulation of Administrative Violations and Penalties

Attached to Cabinet Resolution No. (42) of 2025

Table No. (1): Violations Related to the Practice of Media Activities

No.	Description of the Violation	Fine in AED	
		First Offense	Second Offense
1.	Practicing media activities without obtaining a license or permit from the council or the competent authority, as the case may be.	(10,000) The violator shall rectify the situation within (30) thirty days from the date of notification of the violation.	(40,000) If the situation is not rectified within the specified period, administrative closure shall be enforced until rectification is completed.
2.	Practicing additional media activity without obtaining a license or permit from the council or the competent authority, as the case may be.	(5,000) The violator shall rectify the situation within (30) thirty days from the date of notification of the violation.	(16,000) If the situation is not rectified within the specified period, administrative closure shall be enforced until rectification is completed.
3.	Failure to renew the license after the lapse of (30) thirty days from the date of expiration of the license.	(150) An amount of up to three thousand (3000) dirhams per day.	
4.	Assignment or leasing of the license, addition or replacement of a partner, or	(20,000) The violator shall rectify the situation within thirty (30) days from the date of notification of the	

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	amendment of the license details without obtaining prior approval from the council or the competent authority, as the case may be.	violation. If the situation is not rectified, the license shall be revoked.
5.	Providing inaccurate, false, incorrect, or misleading information when applying for a media activity license or permit.	(5,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.
6.	Organizing and holding a book fair without obtaining permission from the competent authority.	(40,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.
7.	Printing, circulating, or publishing any print, audio, or visual media content without obtaining permission from the Council or the competent authority, as the case may be.	(20,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.
8.	Making any amendment to the media content approved by the Council or the competent authority, as applicable, without obtaining prior approval.	(20,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.

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9.	Working as a foreign correspondent without obtaining a permit from the Council or the competent authority, as the case may be.	Written warning, up to a maximum of (3) warnings.	In the event of a repeat violation, a fine of (1,000)	
10.	The failure of the establishment to update its data or any changes that occur thereto.	(10,000) The violator shall rectify the situation within thirty (30) days from the date of notification of the violation, if the situation is not rectified, the fine shall be doubled.		
11.	A natural or legal person who provides advertising or media content, whether for a fee or free of charge, via social media or other modern technological means without obtaining a permit from the Council or the competent authority, as the case may be.	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
		Written warning.	(20,000)	(50,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.
12.	Continuation of the natural or legal person in providing advertising or media content, whether for a fee or free of charge, via social media or other modern technological means after the expiration of the permit.	First Offense		Second Offense
		(10,000)		(20,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.
		First Offense		Second Offense

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13.	Failure to comply with the provisions of Chairman Decision No. (9) of 2024 regarding the conditions and procedures for granting a permit to a natural person to provide advertising content on social media.	Warning	(10,000)
14.	Displaying any publicity or advertisement or promotional material without obtaining the approval of the concerned authority or without adhering to the requirements set by such authorities.	(10,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.	
15.	Violation of the advertising and Publicity conditions and controls stipulated in Article (33) of the Implementing Regulation.	First Offense	Second Offense
		(20,000)	(50,000) In the event of a repeat violation, the fine shall be doubled.
16.	Obstructing the judicial enforcement officer from performing their duties or refusing to cooperate with them.	(15,000)	

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Table No. (2): Violations of Media Content Standards

First: Violations of Media Content Standards – Category (A)					
No.	Violation	Severity Level of the Violation			
		First Degree	Second Degree	Third Degree	Fourth Degree
1.	Disrespecting the Divine being, Islamic beliefs, heavenly religions, or any other beliefs, or offending any of them.	(100,000)	(200,000)	(400,000)	(1,000,000)
2.	Disrespecting the system of governance in the State, its symbols, institutions, or the supreme interests of the State and society.	(50,000)	(100,000)	(200,000)	(500,000)
3.	Disrespecting the domestic and foreign policies and orientations of the State.	(50,000)	(100,000)	(250,000)	(500,000)
4.	Engaging in any conduct with other States that may harm the State's foreign relations.	(30,000)	(60,000)	(125,000)	(250,000)
5.	Publishing or circulating content that undermines national unity or social cohesion.	(30,000)	(60,000)	(125,000)	(250,000)
6.	Provoking sectarian, regional, or tribal strife;	(100,000)	(150,000)	(300,000)	(500,000)

	inciting hatred, violence, or terrorist acts; or inciting discord and division within the society.				
7.	Undermining the legal, economic, judicial, or security systems of the State.	(30,000)	(60,000)	(125,000)	(250,000)
8.	Glorifying groups with political, ethnic, economic, ideological, or subversive social agendas that act against the State and in pursuit of their own interests.	(50,000)	(150,000)	(250,000)	(500,000)
Second: Violations of Media Content Standards – Category (B)					
9.	Disrespecting the cultural and civilizational heritage and the national identity of the State.	(25,000)	(50,000)	(100,000)	(150,000)
10.	Undermining the prevailing values of society or failing to observe the requirements of public interest.	(20,000)	(40,000)	(60,000)	(100,000)
11.	Disregarding privacy rules and matters related to individuals' private lives.	(20,000)	(40,000)	(80,000)	(100,000)
12.	Publishing or circulating content that incites the commission of crimes or promotes murder, rape, drug	(30,000)	(60,000)	(80,000)	(150,000)

	abuse, or the use of psychotropic substances.				
13.	Publishing, broadcasting, or circulating any material that may undermine the national currency or the economic status of the State.	(20,000)	(50,000)	(100,000)	(150,000)
Third: Violations of Media Content Standards – Category (C)					
14.	Publishing, broadcasting, or circulating expressions, images, drawings, or opinions that violate public decency, demean women, or promote or advocate destructive ideologies.	(25,000)	(50,000)	(75,000)	(100,000)
15.	Publishing, broadcasting, or circulating false news, forged documents, or materials falsely attributed to entities or individuals.	(10,000)	(20,000)	(50,000)	(100,000)
16.	Spreading rumors or misleading information.	(10,000)	(20,000)	(40,000)	(80,000)
17.	Failing to select appropriate persons when hosting guests or accepting their contributions in the media.	(5,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)	(50,000)
18.	Publishing advertising content that does not respect the culture, identity, or values of the State.	(20,000)	(40,000)	(80,000)	(100,000)

19.	Failing to observe the age rating system for artistic works approved by the Council.	(5,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)	(50,000)
20.	Failing to respect children's rights in accordance with the applicable legislation in the State.	(5,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)	(50,000)