

CPB Compliance Alert

Simplifying Compliance

June 1, 2016

To improve compliance with the Communications Act and related requirements in the General Provisions, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has designed a new Communications Act [Compliance booklet](#) that summarized key provisions of the Act and simplifies CPB rules for grantee compliance. The new requirements are effective on June 1, 2016.

The new CPB requirements include:

- optional on-air notices of open board and board committee meetings must be broadcast between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. and shown on the station's log; and
- the reason(s) for closing any board or board committee meeting must be documented and posted on the station's website or made available to the public at its central office.

The booklet also includes a Compliance Checklist that should help stations manage their compliance more efficiently. The checklist identifies the information you must post on your station website or make available to the public at your central office pursuant to the Communications Act and the General Provisions.

Good news! We have eliminated the on-air quarterly announcements and no longer require stations to post their Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or instructions on where the public may find a station's Annual Financial Report or the Annual Financial Summary Report. Please review the booklet carefully for other changes that will affect your station.

CPB will periodically issue Compliance Alerts that address important compliance matters. Please forward questions to: jlivesay@cpb.org.