

# NOTICE OF RENEWAL DATED 11 DECEMBER 2024: CHANNEL 4

IN RESPECT OF THE LICENCE GRANTED TO CHANNEL FOUR TELEVISION CORPORATION (“THE CORPORATION”) TO PROVIDE THE CHANNEL 4 SERVICE UNDER PART 1 OF THE BROADCASTING ACT 1990 AND PART 3 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003 AND DATED 17 DECEMBER 2004, AS AMENDED BY VARIATION NUMBER 20 DATED 23 DECEMBER 2020 (“THE LICENCE”)

## WHEREAS

- A. Pursuant to section 231 of the Communications Act 2003, Ofcom has decided to renew the Licence.
- B. On 6 December 2023, Ofcom consulted on the period for which the Licence should be renewed and the appropriate licence conditions. On 19 July 2024, Ofcom consulted on further proposals for the appropriate conditions regarding regional production outside England.
- C. Ofcom has considered all responses received to these consultations.
- D. On 15 October 2024, Ofcom published its statement on its decisions to renew the Licence for a period of ten years and to make the following amendments to the Licence.
  - a. Remove the condition requiring one news programme at lunchtime every weekday.
  - b. Reduce the number of hours of current affairs programmes that must be broadcast in each calendar year to no less than 178 hours.
  - c. Reduce the proportion of the hours of programmes included in the service in each calendar year that must be originally produced or commissioned for the service to at least 45 per cent.
  - d. Increase the requirement for regional production outside England to at least 12 per cent of the hours of programmes made in the UK for viewing on the service, and at least 12 per cent of the expenditure on programmes made in the UK for viewing on the service, with effect from 1 January 2030.
- E. On 23 August 2024, sections 16 and 31 of the Media Act 2024 came into force. As a result, Ofcom is removing the following two conditions from the Licence.
  - a. The requirement that the Corporation shall not be involved in the making of Programmes to be broadcast as part of the Channel 4 Service, except to such extent as Ofcom may from time to time allow.
  - b. The requirement for the Corporation to transmit Schools Programmes.
- F. In order to give effect to its decisions and to update the Licence in line with the regulatory framework, Ofcom has decided to vary the Licence in the manner set out below.
- G. In accordance with section 3(4) of the Broadcasting Act 1990, the Corporation has been given reasonable opportunity to make representations on the proposed variations.

**NOW THEREFORE**

Ofcom hereby gives the Corporation notice that the Licence shall be renewed with effect from 1 January 2025 and, subject to the Conditions set out in the Schedule and the Annex to the Licence, the Licence so renewed shall continue for a term of ten years from 1 January 2025.

The Licence shall be varied by removing the Schedule and Annex to the Licence and replacing them with the Schedule and Annex attached to this Notice of Renewal. This variation to the Licence shall come into force on 1 January 2025.

This Notice of Renewal shall be construed as if it formed part of the Licence and shall be governed by English law.

**SIGNED FOR OFCOM ON 11/12/24**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vikki Cook', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

**Vikki Cook**

**Director of Broadcast & Media Policy**