

DAB and DAB+ Patent information

DAB

The European patents related to the DAB family of standards expired on 18th January 2013 and DAB is now a free-to-integrate technology.

DAB+

A licence fee is applicable for the AAC audio decoder used in DAB+, payable to Via Licensing:
<http://www.vialicensing.com/licensing/aac-overview.aspx>

The DAB+ royalty that is specifically for HE-AACv2 (paid to VIA Licensing) needs to be paid only once, so if a manufacturer has an internet radio product that needs HE-AAC to handle IP streams, then that will also cover DAB+.

The essential HE AAC v2 patents in the AAC pool will expire sometime during the mid-2020s.

DAB and DAB+ logos

All questions related to the usage of the DAB and DAB+ logos should be addressed to:

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