

Reminder: FCC Service Provider Hearing Aid Compatibility Certification due January 15, 2021

January 5, 2021

Following are reminders for upcoming Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reports and compliance requirements due in January
Form 855: Hearing Aid Compatibility Certification

The annual Form 855 Certification must be filed by all digital mobile service providers within the scope of FCC rule 20.19(a)(1)(i), including mobile virtual network operators (MVNO) and resellers, and among other requirements, filers must:

- certify whether or not they are in full compliance with Commission hearing aid compatibility rules;
- explain any instances of noncompliance;
- provide percentage of hearing aid compatible (HAC) handsets offered during the time period covered by the certification; and
- link to public webpage that lists information on HAC handsets, as required by the rules.

The Form 855 Certification covers the period **January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020** and is due to the FCC by **January 15, 2021**. The Form 855 Certification must be completed online and the link to the filing portal and instructions for the form are available [here](#).

Note that providers that are otherwise exempt from HAC rules, pursuant to the *de minimis* exception of Rule 20.19(e), still are required to file the HAC Certification. Providers may also be subject to website content and record retention requirements and should be sure to review the FCC rules to confirm any HAC compliance obligations.

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Please be advised that attorneys in Kelley Drye & Warren's Communications Practice Group are experienced in addressing issues related to the hearing aid compatibility certification. For more information regarding this client filing alert, please contact your usual Kelley Drye attorney.