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New Television Black Spot Legislation Brings Free Satellite TV to All

When you hear 'Satellite TV' you're probably thinking of Foxtel, Optus or Austar, but did you know about the **free to air satellite service**?

Yes, Australians have had free to air satellite TV since 1985, although in the past the broadcast has been restricted to viewers outside commercial TV licensed areas, these restrictions have been revised. The free to air service broadcasts programming from the 7,9 & 10 networks plus has 5 ABC and 4 SBS services, and there are no monthly fees. If you're putting up with lousy TV reception we have the answer, free to air Satellite TV. Satellite TV is now available in "Black Spot" areas.

What is a "Black Spot"?

The Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) has released guidelines that will allow households with inadequate reception of terrestrial commercial TV services to apply for direct-to-home reception of satellite remote area commercial TV services.

Until recently, households have been restricted to receiving commercial TV services broadcast in their own licence area. This arrangement, however, has proven too inflexible and has led to many people not receiving adequate commercial TV services.

Will I qualify under the ABA guidelines?

If you consider your commercial TV reception to be inadequate Videosat can assist by providing an assessment. We have experienced staff who will take signal strength readings from 10m above ground level. In most cases if you have an existing aerial and are still struggling with ghosts, shadows, haze, noise interference, snowy or weather dependent pictures you will qualify to receive the Free to air Satellite TV service. You don't even need to be home for the assessment, we can take care of the whole application process for you. Additional assessment charges may apply.

What channels will I receive?

There are now over 14 TV stations including two commercial satellite channels covering programming from all three major commercial networks. Seven Central is the 7-network broadcasting from Townsville with the full Olympic coverage. Imparja is also very popular and broadcasts programmes from the 9 & 10 networks. The ABC has 5 separate TV broadcasts available, these services broadcast from Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Darwin and Perth. SBS provides multi-cultural service in four time zones.

There are also 28 radio services broadcasting digital quality stereo music including services such as BBC World & Satellite Music Australia.

Is Free to Air Satellite TV for me?

If you want to solve your reception problems, or extend your viewing and enjoy picture perfect, digital quality satellite TV & Radio with no on-going fees, call Videosat today.

Why buy with Videosat?

At Videosat we specialise in supplying complete satellite systems for self-installation with detailed instructions. With over 15 years of experience behind us, we have a strong reputation for the supply of quality satellite reception equipment at competitive prices. It doesn't end there, we also supply essential support including helpful advice, prompt and efficient service. We have a network of satisfied customers that extends nationwide so you can be sure we're in a position to help you.

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