

# December 2013 cut-off for analogue TV, DVB-T2 official



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South Africa will switch off analogue terrestrial broadcasts by December 2013, communications minister Roy Padayachie announced at a press conference on Friday morning, 14 January 2011. He also confirmed that SA will adopt the second generation of the European standard for digital terrestrial television, known as DVB-T2.

Previously, Government had set a deadline of November 2011 for the switch-off of analogue broadcasts. This means the spectrum that will be freed up through the migration process could become available to telecommunications operators by as early as 2014.

Government has committed to switch off analogue broadcasts by no later than mid-2015.

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