

WDCN-TV



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Form BC 126  
June 1954

PROG. TEST AUTH. 8-30-62

NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-17-63 (OFF. NO. 68)

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Call letters WDCN-TV

Station location NASHVILLE, TENN.

NETROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (BAPET-1 11-26-62 EFF:  
xx DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND NASHVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transmitter location 1406 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. (Doc. 19617)  
X15th at Compton, Nashville, Tennessee

Main studio location 15th at Compton, Nashville, Tennessee



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPET-107	3-23-62	CH #2	Vis.-16 kw	U	5-23-62
AH: 680' ; NSL: 1280'					
CP for a New Non-Commercial Educational TV s/c station.					
WIRE 8-30-62 RE LIC. BLET-69 AUTH. GR. OPER. WDCN-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD SEC. 3.629 & CP BPET-107. ADVISE PERM.					
BAPET-1	11-26-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Metropolitan Board of Education. ERP: -----			
BPET-143	7-16-63	Ch. 2	V-100kw	U	9-16-63
AH: 680' NSL: 1280' 54-60mc A- 50kw					
CP to chg. ERP, type transmitter.					
WIRE 9-12-63 PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION AND FILING LIC. APPLICATION; AUTH. GR. OPERATE WDCN-TV TEMP. PER. END. 10-15-63 ACCORD. CP BPET-143. OPERATION WITHOUT SIDEBAND FILTER SUBJECT CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE. ADVISE					
WIRE 10-16-63 RE AMENDMENT FILED TO LIC. APPL. BLET-69, AUTHORITY GR. OPERATE WDCN-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP BPET-143. DISREGARD OUR LETTER 10-15-63.					
BLET-69	12-17-63	CH. 2	V-100 kw	U	12-17-63
AH: 680' NSL: 1280' 54-60 A- 50 kw 8-1-64					
License to cover CP (BPET-107) which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED and to cover CP (BPET-143) for changes					
BRET-68	7-23-64	same	same	same	8-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE 8-1-67					
BLET-47	1-25-66	Same	Same	Same	1-25-66
A-20 kw 8-1-67					
Mod. of license to reduce Aural ERP.					
WIRE 9-29-67 PENDING SUBMISSION ADDITIONAL DATA ESTABLISH COMPLAINE WITH RULES FOR COLOR TRANSMISSION AUTH. GR. BROADCAST COLOR PROGRAMMING TEMP. PER. ending 10-29-67 SUBJECT CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED SERVICE.					
WIRE 10-23-67 SAME AS ABOVE expiring 12-29-67					
BRET-68	7-18-67	CH. 2	V-100 kw	U	8-1-67
AH: 680' NSL: 1280' 54-60 A- 20 kw 8-1-70					
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					



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Station location Nashville, Tennessee

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BRET-68	7-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-73
ESBA	5-15-72				
DOC. 19617	8-23-73	Ch-8	V-295kW	Unl.	10-23-73
AH: 1280' MSL: 2049'		180-186	A-29.5kW		2-23-75
Engr. Data chgng freq.; ERP, TL, trans., ant. & HAAT.					
BRET-68	7-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-73 8-1-76
Wire	10-31-73	Pending compl. construction accord.			
Doc. 19617	12-24-73	& filing lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. temp. per. end. accord. steps 4 & 5 your req. Advise when oper. commences under each step of this auth.			
Wire	11-28-73	Re tendered license appl., auth. grtd. oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & Docket No. 19617.			
BPET-477	2-28-74	CP TO CHG TRANS.			4-28-74 8-28-75
MAIN TRANSMITTER & ANTENNA					
BPET-478	2-28-74	CP to install Aux. Trans. at Main-Trans-Ant loc.			4-28-74 8-28-75
DOC. 19617	4-30-74	Lic. to cover DOC. No. 19617 for chgs.			8-1-76
WIRE	6-21-74	Pend. compl. construction accord. BPET-477 and BPET-478 and fil. lic. appl., auth. grtd oper. WDCN-TV temp. per. end. 9-25-74 accord. steps one through five of your req. Advise when oper. commences under each step of this auth.			
WIRE	9-13-74	Retendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper WDCN-TV main Trans. and aux. trans. on pro. test accord. Sec. 73.629 rules and CP BPET-477 and BPET-478 respectively.			
BLET-363	10-21-74	Lic. (BPET-477) for chgs.			8-1-76
BLET-364	10-21-74	Lic. (BPET-478) to install Aux. Trans. at Main Trans. Ant. loc.			8-1-76



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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location NASHVILLE, TENN.

Name of licensee METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transmitter location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1







FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

Card #1

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm Educa TV

Call  
Letters ~~WDCN-TV~~ WDCN-TV

Name DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND  
NASHVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(PO Box 6188 Acklen Station, Nashville 12, Tenn. % Robert C. Glazier, General Mgr.)

(\* See back of card)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-107 R & F	2-5-62	CP for a new Non-Comm Educa TV B/C station Freq: Ch #2, 54-60 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 16 kw, Aur. 8 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited Station location: Nashville, Tenn. S-L: 15th at Compton, Nashville, Tenn. T-L: 15th at Compton, Nashville, Tenn. (GE LTT 40-A-4) (677') Filed by Percy H. Russell, Atty Andrew R. McMaster, Box 6188, Acklen Station, Nashville 12, Tenn. Engr.	GRANTED BUREAU STAFF ACTION PUR- SUANT TO NEW DELEGATED AUTHORITY	3-23-62
	2-8-62			
BLET- 69 Recd.&Filed	8-22-62 8-27-62	LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-107) which authorized a New Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station.	GRANTED	12-17-63
AMENDED Rec. & filed	10-9-63 10-11-63	Amended to correct name of licensee to Metropolitan Board of Education and to cover facilities authorized in BPET-143.		



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\* Robert C. Glasier, General Manager is authorized to execute applications See Ex. 1-3



FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WDCN-TV

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (BAPET-1 11-26-62)

X DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND NASHVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name  
Nashville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
301 received	10-15-62 10-17-62	Application to change name to Metropolitan Board of Education of Nashville, Tennessee	Returned Filed on Form 316	11-2-62 to be
BAPET-1 Rec. & filed	11-9-62 11-13-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Metropolitan Board of Education.	GRANTED EFF:	11-26-62
BPAET-143 Recd. & filed	6-14-63 6-17-63	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 16 kw, Aur. 8.1 kw TO Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw; change type of transmitter from G.E. TT-40A to G.E. 4TT53A1; and make changes in equipment.	GRANTED	7-16-63
BRET-68 Recd. & Filed	5-19-64 5-22-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-64
BMET-47 R & F	1-7-66 1-10-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 20 kw.	GRANTED	1-25-66
BRET-68 R & F	4-28-67 5-2-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-67



Form BC-121  
September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WDCN-TVName METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH. 2 NASHVILLE, TENN.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-68 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	4-28-70 5-1-70 " MAY 4 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-30-70
BRET-68 R & F PN Recd. PRESS:	4-16-73 4-26-73 4-26-73 MAY 9 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE L. Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods) Atty.	Granted	7-31-73



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Call  
Letters WDCN-TV

Name METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

~~CH-2~~ Ch-8 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ENGR. DATA R & F PRESS:	6-1-73 6-4-73 JUN 20 1973	Engr. Data filed 6-4-73 in accord. with Report and Order adopted 3-21-73, released 3-27-73 in Docket No. 19617 RM-1944, to chg. freq. from Ch-2, 54-60MHz to Ch-8, 180-186MHz; and chg. ERP to Vis. 316kW, Aur. 31.6kW; TL to 1406 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. (36-02-49 86-49-49); type trans. to Vis. GE TT-36-A, Aur. GE TT-32-B-1; type ant. to Gates TY-98A; and HAAT 1280 ft. Atty.: <u>Schwartz &amp; Woods</u> Engr.: Marvin Blumberg (A. D. Ring & Associates) Ltr. # 4-19-73 from Schwartz behalf of WDCN-TV accepting provisions of Report & Order.	GRANTED	8-23-73
ENGR. DATA R & F PRESS:	11-21-73 11-26-73 DEC 5 1973	Lic. to cover Docket No. 19617 for chgs. Atty.: <u>Schwartz &amp; Woods</u>	GRANTED	4-30-74



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NON-COMM ED. TV.

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Name METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH-8 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-477 R&F PRESS: JAN 21 1974	12-14-73 12-27-73	CP to chg. type transmitter to RCA TT25FH. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & woods) (Main Transmitter)	GRANTED	2-28-74 <i>L</i>
BPET-478 R & F PRESS: <del>BPET-478</del>	12-14-73 12-27-73	CP to install an Auxiliary Transmitter (G. E. TT32-B1) at Main Transmitter-Ant. location. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	2-28-74 <i>L</i>
AMENDED R&F PRESS:	1-29-74 1-30-74 FEB 1 1974	Amended 1-30-74 to chg. ERP Aur. 25.2kW Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)		



Name METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

CH-8 Nashville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLET-363 R & F No fee required PRESS:	8-23-74 8-27-74 <b>SEP 30 1974</b>	Lic. to cover (BPET-477) for changes Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods) (Main Trans.)	GRANTED	10-21-74
BLET-364 R & F no fee required PRESS:	8-23-74 8-27-74 <b>SEP 30 1974</b>	License to cover (BPET-478) to install Aux. Trans. at Main Trans.-Ant. loc. Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	10-21-74
BRET-68 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-9-76 3-25-76 3-25-76 <b>13 APR 1976</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANSMITTER & ANTENNA)(AUXILIARY TRANS.) Contours filed 3-25-76. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods) Amended 8-20-76 re correction to program logs.	GRANTED	7-14-76



Form **CARD NO. 7**  
10-171  
May 1976

NON-COMMERCIAL TELEVISION  
APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WDCN-TV**

Name **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**CH. 8 NASHVILLE, TN**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET 790402KZ R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-15-79 4-02-79 4-02-79 79 04 30	RENEWAL OF LICENSE atty. Russell E. Arkin (SCHWARTZ, WOODS & MILLER)	GRANTED	7-18-79



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

