

Response form

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- Please try to avoid using footnotes – put all links in the answer box.
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Consultation title

Updating the amateur radio licensing framework

Full name

Contact phone number

Representing (please state one of the following: "Self" or "Organisation")

Self

Organisation name (if applicable)

Email address

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Nothing

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None

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Please state “Yes” or “No”

Yes

Your response

Question 1 (section 3): One licence

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposal that each licensee should only be able to hold one personal licence? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 2 (section 3): Supervised use

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to permit greater supervised use of the radio equipment by others? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Currently there is already limited permission to use amateur radio equipment under the supervision of a licenced radio amateur. Under the new proposal the licenced radio amateur will still be responsible for the operation, so in this sense nothing will really change. Allowing non-licenced people to get some operating experience could incentivise them to get their licence. It could also help to have newly licenced radio amateurs start the hobby with some experience.

Question 3 (section 4): M8 and M9 Call sign

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposal to use M8 and M9 for Intermediate licensees going forward? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 4 (section 4): RSLs

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to change our policies on the use of RSLs? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 4 (section 4): RSLs**Question 5 (section 4): Suffixes**

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

***Do you agree with our proposals to allow the use of any suffix?
Please state "Yes" or "No"***

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 6 (section 4): Change call sign

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

***Do you agree with our proposals to allow a change of call signs?
Please state "Yes" or "No"***

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 7 (section 4): Call sign limits

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

***Do you agree with our proposals on the limits to how many call
signs can be held? Please state "Yes" or "No"***

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 7 (section 4): Call sign limits**Question 8 (section 4): Special event call signs**

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposal to simplify special event call signs? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 9 (section 5): Increase transmit power

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to increase transmit power? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

At any power level, a badly set up or operated transmitter can cause interference. The operator is still responsible for ensuring a clean signal and this can be done as easily at 1kW as at 400W.

Question 10 (section 5): Remote operation

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to remote control operation? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 10 (section 5): Remote operation**Question 11 (section 5): Beacons**

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to Beacon operation? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 12 (section 5): Gateways

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to Gateways? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 13 (section 5): Repeaters

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to repeaters? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 13 (section 5): Repeaters**Question 14 (section 5): Foundation Licence**

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to allow Foundation Licence holders to build their own equipment and access the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

This is fundamental to the hobby and education of the licensee. Some Foundation Licence holders are more technically adept than some full licence holders and should not be limited in building their own equipment. The same law applies for transmitting a clean signal whether the equipment is built from a kit or not. In both cases the builder has to ensure their equipment is in spec.

Question 15 (section 5): Airborne use

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree to Ofcom's proposals to permit some limited airborne use? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

This has been allowed in the United States for decades and has not created any issues I'm aware of. Limited use as proposed makes sense.

Question 16 (section 5): Alignment of terms and conditions

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree to Ofcom's proposed changes in licence format and the alignment of standard terms and conditions? Please

Question 16 (section 5): Alignment of terms and conditions**state “Yes” or “No”**

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**Question 17 (section 3): Changes to licence terms and conditions*****Is this a confidential response? Please state “Yes” or “No”***

No

Do you agree to Ofcom’s proposed changes to the licence terms and conditions? Please state “Yes” or “No”

Yes

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